



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Third Sunday in Lent

Year B

March 4, 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 7 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.*

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

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

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## Holy Eucharist

### *A Penitential Order for Lent*

#### **Prelude**

*Préambule from 24 Pièces en style libre, Op. 31*

*Louis Vierne*

#### **Silent Procession**

*At the sound of the bell, please stand.*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

*Celebrant*

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

*Mark 12:29-31*

*Please remain standing or kneel as you prefer.*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### *Liturgy of the Word*

**Trisagion**

**Hymnal S102**

*Please stand.*

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

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

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19**

1 The heavens declare your glory O God, \*  
and the firmament shows your handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; \*  
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often one offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

**Gradual Hymn***All stand to sing.***God be in my head****Hymnal 694****Holy Gospel***Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

John 2:13-22

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon**

The Reverend Susan Bek

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.***Nicene Creed***All stand and together say**Book of Common Prayer p. 358*

**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*

Gathering all that commands our prayers, let us intercede with our gracious God, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

*Leader*

For the church, that God's commandments may be ever close to us, wonderful to ponder and life-giving to keep, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For children, that infants and young people of every nation may have food, security and education, and that they may love their world, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For this gathered community, that the solemn brightness of Lent may open our eyes to these times, their folly and their worth, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, especially *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, and those affected by acts of violence and the recent fire and floods, we pray:  
**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the dead, especially *Joe Mangione, (the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, and those who held to and handed on God's commandment until our day, that they may be at peace, we pray:  
**Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Deacon*

Jealous and merciful God, remember us and all those whom we hold in our hearts. In these forty days teach us to do the work of our baptism and so daily to raise to you the needs of the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

## Announcements

### Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

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



After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

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

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

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine made holy. The table we set is the Lord's. 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. 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 or beside the vigil candle rack 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**

*Softly and Tenderly  
Tara Eisenhauer, soloist*

*arr. Felix Eisenhauer*

*Selections from Max Richter*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

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

## **Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Remain standing or kneeling.*

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant* Grant, Almighty God that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Concluding Hymn    God be with you till we meet again    Wonder, Love and Praise 801**

*See the following page.*

**Concluding Hymn    God be with you till we meet again    Wonder, Love and Praise 801**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

*Unison* *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:  
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

**Silent Recession**

*Please stand.*

**Dismissal**

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

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

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

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## ***3/4 Serving This Week***

**10:15am**

**Acolytes**

Aramis & Nairi Nahabedian, Henry Rose

**Chalice**

John Borneman, Larry Myers

**Psalm**

John Borneham

**Lay Readers**

Ruth McCool, Lori Redding

**Prayers of the People**

Bridget Nahabedian

**Ushers**

Maggie Kennedy, Jeff Brown

**Eucharistic Prayer Ministry**

Gonnie Stouthamer

**Sunday School Leaders**

Sarah Lamola, Valerie Ortiz

**Welcome Ministry**

Joanne Wakelee, Barbara Jacovich

**Hospitality**

Hill, Armstrong, Young

**Altar Guild**

Dela Parker, Rose Hayden-Smith, Jennifer Golland

**Counters**

Louise Bretz, David Hill

**Facility Lock Up**

Greg Jackson

Digital Disciples are in The House!

If you see someone typing on their phone or iPad, know that they are serving as E-vangelists, spreading the Good News far and wide through social media. You too can be a Digital Disciple -

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## 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  
password is 8056435033
2. Download a QR Code Reader app: Google Play [Android]App Store [iPhone]
3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.

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

<b>Today</b> <b>03/04</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)
	12:00 pm	Newcomer Orientation (Youth Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b> <b>03/05</b>	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>03/06</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Youth Room, Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>03/07</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>03/08</b>	8:30 am	Buildings & Grounds (Youth Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>03/09</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup & Salad Supper (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
<b>Sat</b> <b>03/10</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 4, 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, Cathy, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela

### ***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:***

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's.
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us.
- + 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 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 & Retreat House, Santa Barbara.*
- + 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.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

*IN MEMORIAM: Joe Mangione*



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

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

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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 Bill Brewer  
10:15 David & RoseAnn Hill, Ralph & Kay Armstrong, Janalee Young

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

## MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



**THIS SUNDAY:** Thank you to today's cantor, Diego Magaña.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Come and enjoy the beautiful organ and piano music and the guest pianist, Aaron Petrek, at the 10:15 service.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Felix or Tara Eisenhauer



## Newcomer Orientation

**SUNDAYS FROM 12-1 P.M. IN MEETING ROOM BEHIND THE KITCHEN**

2/18 Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church  
2/25 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries

**3/4 Serving the World in the Name of Christ**

**Ask YOUR Questions, Meet People, Explore THE Faith**

*All are welcome!*



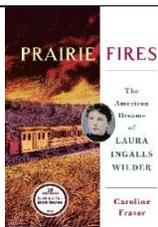
**TODAY: CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** Back by popular demand! The Children's Music time resumes today following the 10:15 am service. Nicole will gather the children to the music room during coffee hour. Pick up is at 12:15 pm.

Join Nicole and explore music through song, movement and fun activities! All ages are welcome. Children under 5 are asked to be accompanied by an adult.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**TODAY: CELEBRATE KAI'S BIRTHDAY:** Kai is turning one! Come to Kahler Hall for fellowship time after the 10:15 service



### MONDAY, MARCH 5: 1ST MONDAY BOOK CLUB-

February's selection is Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser. We will meet March 5th to discuss. We gather at Panera Bread at 5pm for food and drink. Discussion starts around 5:30pm. Contact Paula Robertson with any questions. Parishioners & friends are invited. *(Sponsored by Daughters of the King.)*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 11: ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER:** Tickets on sale after church services today. You may also pay via PayPal or debit/credit card on line. Go to our website [www.saintpaulsventura.org](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org) and click on the heart to Give. Adults \$25, Kids 6-12 \$10, 5 and under Free. Family ticket for 2 adults and up to 3 kids \$50. Tickets available at the door for additional \$5.

The tradition continues with fabulous corned beef and cabbage and great entertainment.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 11: FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND TEA SALES:** The next Fair Trade Sale of coffees, teas and chocolates will be next Sunday after both services. Buy a taste of fine chocolates and coffee 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 [joannewaklee@yahoo.com](mailto:joannewaklee@yahoo.com)



**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY**

The next opportunity for baptism is during the 8pm service of The Great Vigil of Easter. Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce will be presiding. Contact Rev. Susan if you are interested.

**2018 Lenten Study Program**

Friday Evenings 3/9, 3/16, 3/23

**Stations of the Cross**

*Learn this ancient spiritual practice and follow Jesus on the way to the cross. This is a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.*



**7:00 p.m. Walking the Stations of the Cross (in the Sanctuary)**  
And you are invited to come early, if you like.

**6:00 p.m. Share a Simple Meatless Supper (in Kahler Hall)**  
*This year as we continue to heal and recover from the fires that tested our community, we will be providing a space to share our stories and dreams of rising from the ashes.*

**All are Welcome!**



**FOOD PANTRY:** Thank you for all of your donations. The wish list for this month includes juice, water or protein drinks. Socks are always appreciated. If you would like to make a cash donation, note Food Pantry on the memo line of your check. Our shopper, Bill Brewer, will spend it wisely. Thank you for feeding our hungry neighbors.

## Holy Week Preparations



**EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC:** Would you like to make a donation in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one? We are now collecting for Flowers and Music that will help to make our Easter services truly glorious. Place your donation in one of the envelopes provided for flowers and music and place it in the offering plate. You may also donate online via our website [www.saintpaulsventura.org](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org) click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note "Easter Flowers & Music" and the inscription for the bulletin. Deadline is March 26.



**SUNDAY - MARCH 18-LEARN ABOUT HOLY WEEK & EASTER:** Do you have questions about the church? Are you curious about all that goes on here during Holy Week and Easter? Help yourself to a cup of coffee and gather for introductions, sharing and a look at all the services of Holy Week and Easter. Join us as we share some of the rich traditions of the church. Meet in Kahler Hall during Fellowship & Formation. All are welcome.



**SATURDAY – MARCH 24 – ALL ABOUT PALMS ALL MORNING!**

**PALM CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP: 9am in the Kahler Hall (Youth Room)** Come and learn this ancient art as we prepare the Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. No prior experience is necessary.

**PALM DECORATING: 9am in the Sanctuary** Come help us decorate and create a beautiful palm arch as we prepare the church for Palm Sunday.



**PLANTS & FLOWERS NEEDED:** We will create a garden in the Chapel for the Vigil at the Altar of Repose. We would love to borrow any potted plants or flowers. Drop them off by noon on **Wednesday, March 28**. You may pick them up and take them home after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you so much!



**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - FLOWER ARRANGING & DECORATING WORKSHOP: 9am** Everyone is invited to learn the art of flower arranging. Join the workshop to create lovely Easter arrangements and decorate the sanctuary in celebration of the Glory of Easter.



**EASTER SUNDAY - EASTER BREADS:** A St. Paul's tradition! The coffee hours following both services on Easter Sunday are not hosted but shared by all. Please bring your favorite breads and sweets to share with the congregation on Easter Sunday. Please bring your items already plated and ready to serve; then place the plate on the refreshment table and don't forget to take your empty plate on your way out!

## *Holy Week Services*



**PALM SUNDAY - March 25:** Join us as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and begin our journey through Holy Week.

**8:00 am:** Procession of the Palms with Holy Eucharist.

**9:30 am:** We will gather in Kahler Hall then Process to Ventura County Medical Center to offer prayers and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them.

**10:15 am:** Procession of the Palms, Reading of The Passion and Holy Eucharist. (This service will begin around the fountain outside Kahler Hall.)



**MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 29:** Join us as we remember Jesus' last supper in this service with washing of feet (optional), Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar. One of the most moving services of the year!

**7:30 pm:** Service

**9:00 pm:** Vigil at The Altar of Repose begins.



**VIGIL at The ALTAR of REPOSE – Thursday, March 29, 9:00 pm – Friday, March 30, Noon:**

Help us "Keep the Watch" which begins at 9pm after the Maundy Thursday service and continues until noon on Good Friday. The sign-up sheet for one hour shifts is in the narthex (lobby). *Jesus said to his disciples in the garden that night, "Sit here while I go there and pray."* **Help us to Watch and Pray.**



**LABYRINTH WALK BY CANDLELIGHT – Friday, March 30, 6:00 am – 8:00 am:** Looking for a meaningful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday? Come and walk the Labyrinth by candlelight at dawn from 6 – 8 am or anytime throughout the day. Enjoy the beautiful sunrise with glistening light, prayer and meditation.



**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Friday, March 30, Noon:** Traditional Good Friday service at Noon.

A Good Friday offering is the opportunity to add some of the substance of our lives to the substance of our prayers. This year's offering is to support the Four Episcopal Church Dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Support focuses on pastoral care, education and healthcare for those in need. Please donate during our service or online: [www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering).



**THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL – Saturday, March 31, 8:00 pm:** Join us with Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce as we kindle the new flame, retell the stories of our ancestors in the faith by candlelight, then renew our baptismal vows and proclaim the coming of Easter in a glorious celebration.

### *Events At A Glance*

**Friday, March 9, 16, 23**  
**Sunday, March 11**  
**Sunday, March 18**  
**Saturday, March 24**  
**Sunday, March 25**

**Monday, March 26**  
**Wednesday, March 28**  
**Thursday, March 29**

**Friday, March 30**

**Saturday, March 31**

**Sunday, April 1**

**Lenten Study Program**

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner 4:30pm**

**Learn About Holy Week & Easter 11:30am**

**Palm Cross Workshop, Palm Decorating**

**Palm Sunday Services 8:00am, 10:15am**

**Procession of the Palms to VCMC 9:30am**

**Deadline for Music & Flower Donations**

**Drop-off Plants & Flowers in Chapel Noon**

**Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm**

**Vigil at the Altar of Repose begins 9:00pm**

**Labyrinth Walk 6:00-8:00am,**

**Good Friday Service Noon**

**Flower Arranging Workshop & Decorating 9:00am**

**Great Easter Vigil Service, 8:00pm with Bishop Bruce**

**Easter Services 8:00am, 10:15am, Easter Breads**