



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Third Sunday in Lent

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March 24, 2019 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 *A Penitential Order for Lent*

Prelude

O Blessed Spring

arr. James Biery

Silent Procession

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

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319

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

The Decalogue

BCP p. 317

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

God spake these words, and said:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

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

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

Thou shalt do no murder.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Sentences of Scripture

BCP p. 319

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

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession

BCP p. 330

Stand or kneel as you prefer.

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

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

Absolution

BCP p. 321

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

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

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

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, 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.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Please stand as you are able.

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

Sermon

The Reverend Liz Williams

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit 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 bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, Liz and Dick*, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel*, and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(See page 10 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 *Julia Cohen and those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

Peace

All stand as they are able.

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

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and other Special Occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

Offertory

Ich Ruf Zu Dir, Her Jesu Christ

Friedrich W. Zachow

Presentation Hymn

When Israel was in Egypt's land

Hymnal 648

Please stand.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

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

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.

Communion Music

*Where Love is Found
What Wondrous Love*

*arr. James Biery
arr. Lani Smith*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Please stand as you are able.

Go ye now in peace and
know that the love of God will guide you. Feel His pres - ence
here be - side you show - ing you the way. In your time of
trou - ble when hurt and des - pair are there to grieve you,
know that the Lord will nev - er leave you. He will bring you
cour - age. Know that the God who gave him - self to
die that you might live will nev - er leave you lost and a - lone in
His be - lov - ed world. Go ye now in peace

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Silent Recession

Please stand as you are able and face the cross.

Dismissal

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

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

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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke
Psalm	Jo Ellen Heil
Lay Readers	Pauli Powers, Jo Ellen Heil
Prayers of the People	Lori Burke
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Ushers	Jay & Patti Widdows
Hospitality Sponsors	Jo Ellen Heil
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Counters	David Hill, Kathy Loest
Facility Lock Up	Nate Alday

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 3/24	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Signing Choir (Sanctuary)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 3/25	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 3/27	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 3/28	6:00 pm	Kindermusik Graduation (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 3/29	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Evening Lenten Study with Soup Supper (Kahler Hall)
Sat. 3/30	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/31	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:40 am	Flower Guild Meeting
	12:00 pm	Sack Lunch Work Party
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 24, 2019

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

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams
Ed Steever, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool, and VCSAGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2019 vestry members and officers are Ted Andrews, Kay Armstrong, Woody Bretz (Junior Warden), Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby (Treasurer), Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Rose Hayden-Smith (Senior Warden), Sarah Lamola, Ruth McCool, Ian McEwan, Paula Robertson (Clerk), Dan Wakelee
- + 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: Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIUM

Julia Cohen

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.



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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-Jo Ellen Heil
10:15 am Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Lori Redding
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Vicki Paul
10:15 am-Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!



MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S TODAY-Thank you to our guest musicians, Loise Bretz on flute and Allison McKay on oboe (10:15 service).



This sign means, "I love you."

ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE Why? Because all are welcome here! We are committed to welcoming all, even if that means we need to change and adapt in order to become more accessible. In addition to our "ASL Minute" during the announcements, we are happy to welcome Nadia Talley, our new ASL Interpreter. This ministry is made possible by funding from the Comprehensive Growth Project.

INTRODUCING OUR INTERPRETER, NADIA TALLEY—Nadia is an Oklahoma native who moved to Oxnard as a teenager. She began learning sign language freshman year in high school when she met a deaf classmate who she found to be attractive (nothing like a little motivation!) She went on to interpret at California State University Northridge as the youngest interpreter the National Center on Deafness has ever hired. From there she has interpreted for FEMA, rap artists, actors, slam poetry, and other exciting events including, but not limited to, church services. When she's not interpreting, you can find her busy at her studio in Oxnard where she teaches piano. Outside of work, Nadia loves to scuba dive, travel, and learn about new cultures.

We are so excited to have Nadia here, be sure to introduce yourself!



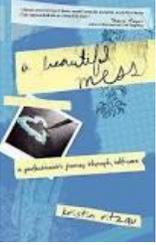
SIGNING CHOIR—TODAY No, that's not misspelled. We already have a wonderful singing choir, this is a Signing Choir. We will learn Song-Signing and offer artistic renditions of some of our service music in the beautifully expressive visual language of ASL. Come to our first meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:15 service. We'd love to have you join us!



FLOWER GUILD MEETING, SUNDAY MARCH 31, 11:40 All Flower Guild Members are encouraged to attend. We will discuss flowers and plans for Easter - we want to transform the sanctuary into a truly glorious representation of our joy at the Resurrection of our Lord. Anyone who is interested in exploring the possibility of joining the Flower Guild is also invited. We would love to have you join us!



SACK LUNCH PACKING PARTY, SUNDAY MARCH 31, NOON Meet in the narthex (church lobby). We will set up an assembly line and fill the sack lunches so they are ready for distribution. 20-50 lunches are handed out every week!

	<p>THANK YOU—to everyone who helped out last week on the Avenue. Our guests really appreciate all you do to provide them with a great lunch and make them feel welcome!</p>
	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – MARCH SELECTION</p> <p>The selection this month is <i>A Beautiful Mess: A Perfectionist’s Journey Through Self-Care</i> by Kristin Ritzau. <i>In a society obsessed with perfection, it is not surprising that so many women especially Christian women are breaking beneath the burden of expectation. Kristin will help readers experience the Holy Spirit’s healing: acceptance, contentment and rest by introducing practices such as contemplative prayer, art journaling, and playing in your body while demystifying the self-care journey.</i> We will meet again on Monday, April 1 at 5:00PM for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome! See you then!</p>
	<p>CAN YOU HELP US? While Rev. Liz works to learn all our names, it would be very helpful for you to wear your name tag. It is also a friendly way to welcome all the visitors and newcomers that are coming by on Sunday mornings. So, if you don't mind, please wear your name tag on Sunday. Help us to give everyone a warm welcome and introduce yourself to anyone you don't already know. <i>Thanks!</i></p>
	<p>REACH! in MARCH—Reaching out to the world in the name of Christ</p> <p>The REACH projects for the month of March are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashes to Go – Ash Wednesday Over 60 people came by for the imposition of ashes! • Sack Lunch Packing Party – 20-50 lunches are handed out every week! • Invite a friend to church and share the Easter invitations! Pick them up in the narthex (lobby)
	<p>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 the envelopes provided in your pew and place it in the offering plate. You may also donate online via our website www.saintpaulsventura.org. Click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note “Easter Flowers & Music” and the inscription for the bulletin.</p>
	<p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY—<i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan to make arrangements.</i></p> <p>The next baptism opportunity will be on Saturday, April 20 during the Great Vigil of Easter. Please contact Rev. Susan for more information and to arrange baptism preparation.</p> <p><i>About Baptism:</i> Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body, the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Through Baptism and the Holy Spirit we are forgiven of our sins and raised to the new life of grace. We are also formally initiated into the fellowship of Christian community. This is a very important occasion. The prayers and presence of the community are requested.</p>
	<p>YOU CAN SUPPORT ST. PAUL’S AS YOU SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE!—Sign up at Amazon Smile and designate St. Paul’s as your charity. We will earn .5% of everything you spend! Go to smile.amazon.com and when you are asked to pick a charity search for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Ventura. Then, every time you shop at Amazon start at smile.amazon.com. It’s that easy!</p>

The Season of Lent



PRAYING THE ROSARY – SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:45 in the Community Room as we pray the Anglican rosary together during lent.



LENTEN STUDY – FRIDAY EVENINGS

March 8 – April 12

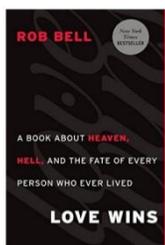
6-7PM SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK STUDY IN KAHLER HALL

7-7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY

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

Friday, March 29 - We'll be discussing chapter 4

STATIONS OF THE CROSS After dinner, you're invited to join us as we walk the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. It's a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.



SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, March 29 – Evening Lenten Study continues, 6pm Soup Supper and Book Study, 7pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday March 31—Flower Guild Meeting

Saturday, April 13 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday

Friday April 19 – Good Friday

Saturday April 20—The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday April 21—Easter Sunday

2019 Holy Week Services

Saturday, – April 13 Palm Cross Making

9 a.m. Come learn this ancient art and help prepare for Palm Sunday.
No experience necessary.

April 14 - Palm Sunday

8 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Procession to Ventura County Medical Center - *to offer prayers and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them*
10:15 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist

April 17 - Holy Wednesday

9 a.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar
9 p.m. Vigil at the Altar of Repose - Stay and keep watch for an hour
(Continues in shifts until Noon on Good Friday)

April 19 - Good Friday

6:00-7:00 a.m. Walk the Labyrinth by Candlelight at dawn
12:00 noon Traditional Good Friday Service
3:00 p.m. Bell Rings and Church Closes
7:00 p.m. Experience the Stations of the Cross

Easter Services

Saturday, April 20, 2019

8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
Join us as we kindle the new flame and retell the stories of our ancestors in the faith by candlelight. We will then renew our baptismal vows and proclaim the coming of Easter in a glorious celebration.

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8 a.m. Traditional Language Eucharist with Choir and Brass
10:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist with Choir and Brass