



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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January 27, 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 *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude

These are the Holy Ten Commandments

arr. J.S. Bach

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

Entrance Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymnal 632

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.**

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.

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his 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 has he 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 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD 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 he 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 LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Richard Swanson

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able and say together.

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

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; bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, Dick, and Liz;* 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, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Barbara, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William** *and those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, 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.

(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 *Joanne Cummings and others 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

Book of Common Prayer p. 330

Peace

All stand as they are able.

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

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory *Hail Redemption's Happy Dawn* *arr. Dennis R. Johnson*

Presentation Hymn **Spread, O spread, thou mighty word** **Hymnal 530**
Please stand.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I) *Book of Common Prayer p. 333*

The Lord's Prayer *Book of Common Prayer p. 336*

Breaking of the Bread *Book of Common Prayer 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 *Book of Common Prayer p. 337*

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. 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 Lamb'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 *Adagio* *W.A. Mozart*

Post Communion Prayer *Book of Common Prayer p. 339*
Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Blessing

May God give you grace to never sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love.

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal 616

Dismissal

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

March

W.A. Mozart

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

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

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

Today at St. Paul's, Ventura

You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments in Kahler Hall following the service

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Check out next Sunday's readings at www.lectionarypage.net

	<p><i>Want to get involved at St. Paul's?</i> THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Right now, we are most in need of volunteers to serve with Altar Guild and Ushers. the following small groups would love for you to join: Monday Evening Bible Study, Daughters of the King, Men's Group Breakfast and Bible Study, Women's Group Bible Study, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ladies Lunch Bunch If you would like further information, please let us know. Thank You!</p>
	<p><i>Since we walk this journey of faith together...</i> WE'D LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH – Here are some suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check out our website. New things are posted every week. www.saintpaulsventura.org• Read our weekly E-Newsletter. If you aren't receiving it, please provide your email address in the Guest Book at the Welcome Table or send a note to the office. office@saintpaulsventura.org• Share your prayer requests with us and remember us in your prayers too.• Comment, share, like or post on Social Media. <p>Website: www.saintpaulsventura.org Email: office@saintpaulsventura.org Call: 805 643-5033 Facebook: St. Paul's Ventura Twitter: @StPaulsVentura</p>

Serving This Week 1/27/19
8:00am

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers
Psalm	Jo Ellen Heil
Lay Readers	Ellen Morgan, Pauli Powers
Prayers of the People	Peter Bowers
Ushers	Lori Burke, Ian McEwan
Hospitality Sponsors	Jo Ellen Heil
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith, Rob Butler
Flower Guild	Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz, Rose Hayden Smith
Counters	David Hill, Kathy Loest
Facility Lock Up	Miles Sexton

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 1/27	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Annual meeting(Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 1/28	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 1/29	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
Wed. 1/30	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 1/31	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 2/1	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant, 3169 Main Street)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 2/2	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 2/3	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Daughters of the King (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 27, 2019

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

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

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

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

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual 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.
- + 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: *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

Joanne Cummings

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-Wes Cullins
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

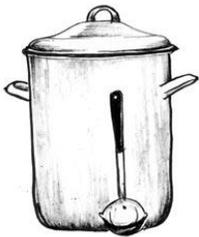


TODAY: Thank you to our Cantor, Natalie Epelone.
NEXT SUNDAY: The Choir will sing *Write Your Blessed Name* by K. Lee Scott, one of the world's most well-known contemporary choral conductors, at the 10:15 service.

Annual Meeting



ANNUAL MEETING—TODAY! Please join us immediately after the 10:15 service as we elect our new Vestry and delegates to Diocesan Convention. Enjoy some coffee, check out some ministry reports and participate in the life of our parish!



SOUPER BOWL IS HERE: It's time for the Souper Bowl fundraiser to support purchasing the food and paper goods for our monthly Family to Family lunch ministry, we are asking for donations to fund our ministry for the year. We serve 250 lunch plates for about \$2.50/plate and have used up last year's fund. Our goal is \$4,400 to carry us through until Fall. This ministry is entirely dependent on your generous donations and is not funded with pledges. *Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!*



THANK YOU—to the Family to Family crew for all your hard work this past Monday. We appreciate all of your hard work in helping to feed our hungry neighbors! Our next opportunity for serving is Monday, February 18, President's Day, so mark your calendars, we can always use more help!



VENTURA COUNTY CONCERT BAND—FREE CONCERT
Song and Dance will be presented today, Sunday, January 27, at 3pm in the Ventura High School Auditorium. Come prepared to sing along and tap your toes to familiar tunes!



OUR NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR—The Rev. Liz Williams, will be here soon! Her first Sunday at St. Paul's will be March 3rd. Please join us as we welcome her and her family and celebrate their coming!



FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – February 4, 2019

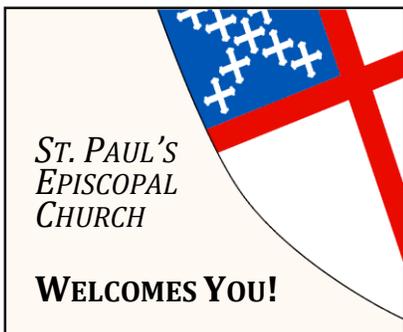
The January selection, to be discussed in February, is Becoming by Michelle Obama. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! *Sponsored by Daughters of the King.*



SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, March 3—The First Sunday with our new Associate Rector, The Reverend Liz Williams
Tuesday, March 5—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 17—Saint Patrick’s Day Dinner
Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday
Sunday April 21—Easter Sunday

Newcomer Information Series



SUNDAYS 11:45-12:15 PM IN THE LIBRARY

(off the parking lot next to the school entrance gate)

- 2/3 Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church
- 2/10 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries
- 2/17 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

You're also invited:

2/24 New Member Welcome and Blessing in Church (optional)

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, EXPLORE THE FAITH

All are welcome!

St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!



A portion of each of our services is presented in ASL (American Sign Language). As we learn more, more signing will be included.

Classes in ASL are offered at St. Paul's. Please contact us for upcoming opportunities. Past classes have included: Introduction to ASL (fingerspelling, vocabulary and deaf culture), Song Signing for Children, Song Signing Christmas Hymns, and Signing the Lord's Prayer.

This sign means,

"I love you."

A current feature of our weekly announcements includes the "ASL Minute" – an opportunity to learn a few signs. Please let us know if there are specific signs you'd like to learn.

Help us feed the hungry.

ST. PAUL'S LUNCH PROGRAM FEEDS HUNGRY PEOPLE THROUGH THE WEEK

Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 1pm, we handout sack lunches to those who are hungry. Thank you for all of your donations and support for this ministry. The wish list for this month includes juice, water and protein drinks. 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 helping us feeding our hungry neighbors!

