



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Third Sunday of the Epiphany January 21, 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

Rock of Ages
Who trusts in God, a strong abode
JS Bach wrote a Church Cantata based on this Reformation hymn tune (still in use) for the third Sunday of Epiphany, first performed January 21, 1725
setting Seth Bingham
arr. Thomas Chesterton

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Entrance Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymnal 661

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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A Reading from the Book of Jonah

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, there is my hope.

7 God alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in God always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

All stand and say together.

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer 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. 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, 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, Scott, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Tom, Maggie, Duncan, Janet, Shelia, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Doug, Carol, Marguerite and Kathy. And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy 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 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 especially *Dave Avila, GiGi Denniston, Richard Kay Smith 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 *Prayer is the soul's sincere desire* arr. *Franklin Ashdown*

Presentation Hymn **The Doxology (v.3)** **Hymnal 380**
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

A period of silence is kept.

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. 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

Rise up, O men of God

arr. Seth Bingham

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord this Epiphany season; And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Please stand.

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Hymnal 530

Dismissal

Book of Common Prayer 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

I'm gonna live so God can use me African American Spiritual, arr. Paul Taylor

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](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

## **Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 21, 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, Scott, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Tom, Maggie, Duncan, Janet, Shelia, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Doug, Carol, Marguerite, Kathy

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

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy

*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 Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2017 vestry members and officers are Paul Angelo, Kay Armstrong, Josephine Barnaby, Peter Bowers, Carmela Carreño, Bill Crookston, Grace Dunlevy, Bob Gold, Amanda Holden, Greg Jackson (Treasurer), Miles Sexton (Senior Warden).
- + 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 in 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.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

### **IN MEMORIAM:** Dave Avila, GiGi Denniston, Richard Kay Smith

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

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

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

Felix Eisenhauer, Music Minister; Tara Eisenhauer, Assistant Music Minister

Sara Edwards, Organist-Music Director

Paula Robertson, Parish Administrator

Hannah Alday, Director of Evangelism & Communication

Jim Kneeland, Sexton

Heidi Trevisan, Sunday School Director; Wendy Olivier, Nursery Caregiver

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

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| <b>Today</b><br><b>01/21</b>  | 8:00 am  | Rite I Sunday Service                                 |
|                               | 9:30 am  | Choir Rehearsal                                       |
|                               | 10:30 am | Rite II Service                                       |
|                               | 11:30 am | Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)                |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)                              |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>01/22</b> | 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><br><b>01/23</b>  | 6:30 pm  | Altar Guild (Library)                                 |
| <b>Wed.</b><br><b>01/24</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)                  |
|                               | 6:30 pm  | Vestry Meeting(Room 13)                               |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Youth Room)                               |
| <b>Thurs.</b><br><b>01/25</b> | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)                          |
| <b>Fri.</b><br><b>01/26</b>   | 6:30 am  | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
|                               | 9:15 am  | Women's Bible Study (Library)                         |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>01/27</b>    | 11:00 am | Boy Scout Court of Honor (Church, Kahler Hall)        |
|                               | 6:45 pm  | AA Meeting (Youth Room)                               |

### 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.

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 -

Follow & Post to Twitter: @stpaulsventura

Like & Post on Facebook Group Page: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura, California

## 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 Liz & Ian McEwan

10:15 Sexton, Myers, Cole

*Today's Vestry Greeter is Kay Armstrong.*

*Please come say hello.*

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

### MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



**THIS SUNDAY:** Thank you to today's cantor, Nicole Benson.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Come and enjoy the beautiful organ and piano music.



**TODAY:** Stop in the narthex to pick up your pledge envelope and/or a 2018 wall calendar. The calendar is a gift from Bishops John and Diane and highlights churches and ministries throughout the LA Diocese.

### WE WANT YOU! – TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Meet in Kahler Hall next Sunday, January 28  
from 11:30 – 12:30 pm.

Elect your new Vestry Members and Diocesan Convention Delegates. Get caught up on the finances, community outreach and amazing happenings of your parish. Give thanks to everyone who participates in our community.

See you there!

### Reports Due

**ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORTS DUE:** Are you a leader of a committee or group? The Annual Ministry Reports are due to the office by the end of day tomorrow. There is a survey to complete which makes your job easier. If you didn't receive the link via email last week. Contact the office asap to receive it.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 - SOUPER BOWL IS COMING:** Get ready for the Souper Bowl fundraiser to support purchasing the food and paper goods for our monthly Family to Family lunch ministry. On next Sunday and Super Bowl Sunday, we will ask for donations to fund our ministry for the year. We serve 250 lunch plates for about \$2.20/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!*



**FAMILY-TO-FAMILY THANK YOU!**: Thank you to the terrific volunteers who came out on Monday to help prepare and serve lunch to our hungry neighbors. They are Dan, John, Linda, Joseph, Amanda, Gloria, Ernie, Larry, Shirley, Susan, Mary, Nicholas, and Alan. *Paula is our volunteer coordinator and is hoping for a few individuals to team up and help with shopping (about 30 minutes at Smart & Final), organizing (provide guidance to volunteer team) and picking up Subway Sandwiches (15 minutes including travel time). This could be a monthly or quarterly assignment depending on the number of interested people.* We serve on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Prayerfully consider and direct your questions to Paula or Rev. Susan. February 19, President's Day, is the next serving opportunity.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - PIANO CONCERT:** Althea Waites will play a piano recital here on February 25<sup>th</sup>, featuring works by favorite composers such as Bach, Beethoven and Chopin as well as modern composer, Tania Leon. Ms. Waites has been acclaimed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia as a brilliant soloist, chamber musician and collaborative artist. In addition to performances on many of the world's prestigious concert stages, she has also appeared in recital at major festivals including Aspen, Tanglewood, the Idyllwild Arts Festival in Southern California and the Yale Summer Festival at Norfolk, Connecticut.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Gethin Wied was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 13 at St. John's Cathedral in Los Angeles by Bishop John Taylor. Gethin's father, Doug, and other parishioners attended the event and joined in the celebration.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Flowers are a traditional way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. Please indicate your intention on a form available in the pew, narthex or from an usher. Please place your donation (\$65 is suggested) in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



#### LAUNDRY LOVE – SPECIAL DATES ADDED FOR THOMAS FIRE SUPPORT

Volunteers are needed to serve the guests. Just bring your welcoming, sympathetic ear and assist in handling the money and supplies. Pick up a flyer in the narthex (lobby) or in Kahler Hall with dates and times. This is a simple ministry that has a big impact on those in need and those who minister. Check it out!



**FEMA**

#### FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS – REGISTER NOW

Residents of Ventura, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties who suffered damage or losses from the recent wildfires and flooding, mudflows and debris flows can now register for assistance online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by phone at 800-621-3362. The toll-free number is open 7am – 10pm seven days a week.

Details and updates are available at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). Residents should register even if they have insurance. Free wifi is available at St. Paul's as well as a computer if you need to access. Call the office before stopping by so we don't miss you. 805-643-5033



**DIOCESAN FIRE & FLOOD RELIEF FUND:** Under the direction of Bishop Diocesan John H. Taylor, the Diocese of Los Angeles has started a relief fund that will assist people -- particularly the poor and homeless--in the diocese affected by the recent fires and floods. Donations may be made online at [www.EDLAFireHelp.org](http://www.EDLAFireHelp.org); or by checks made payable to the Diocese of Los Angeles ("Fire/Flood Relief Fund" in the memo line) and sent to the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles 90026.

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT (ERD)** is also receiving donations for relief work in the impacted areas. Make contributions online at: [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org) or mail checks to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

**ST. PAUL'S RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT:** We continue to receive donations to help those less fortunate in our community. Note "Fire/Flood Relief" in the memo line of your check or Paypal transaction to St. Paul's and it will be used specifically for those impacted.

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

Sunday, **January 28** Annual Meeting @ 11:30 Kahler Hall

Wednesday, **February 14** Ash Wednesday

Sunday, **February 25** Althea Waites Piano Concert

Sunday, **March 25** Palm Sunday

Sunday, **April 1** Easter Sunday

#### **1/21 Serving This Week**

**8:00am**

**Acolyte**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Chalice**

Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil

**Psalm**

Peter Bowers

**Lay Readers**

Judy & Tom Drew

**Prayers of the People**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Ushers**

Liz & Ian McEwan

**Vestry Greeter**

Kay Armstrong

**Hospitality**

Liz & Ian McEwan

**Altar Guild**

Dela Parker, Rose Hayden-Smith, Jennifer Golland

**Flower Guild**

Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow

**Counters**

Louise Bretz

**Facility Lock Up**

Greg Jackson