

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

` the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Please stand.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand and say together.

Prayers of the People

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

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolyn, Anzhela, Stacy and Stacie.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy, Doug, Kim* and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by acts of violence and the recent fires and floods.

(See page 8 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 Fritz Huntsinger, Jr. 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.**

Recognition of Lay Reader Ministers

This morning we recognize and offer our thanks to everyone who serves as a Lay Reader for our church. These wonderful people come forward during worship services to read scripture and offer the Prayers of the People. We are so grateful to each of them for serving in this important ministry.

Leader I present to you these ministers who have shown their dedication as Lay Readers for this church.

Ministers Christ Jesus, you go before us and behind us, you are our inspiration and our light. Thank you for surrounding us with your compassion and your love. Guide us in this important ministry and bless us so that we may continue to bless others in your name.

People **Holy and gracious God, bless your hands, your feet, your hearts and your voices as you seek to serve the world in the name of Christ.**

Celebrant And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

Peace

All stand as they are able.

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

Announcements

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory *Like a Shepherd* *David L. Crouse*

Presentation Hymn **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (v. 1-3)** **Hymnal 205**
Please stand.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I) BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 337
A period of silence is kept.

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

Prayer of Humble Access BCP p. 337

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



St. Paul's GO

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

Here's How:

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest
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 -

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Serving This Week

8:00am

Acolytes

Jo Ellen Heil

Chalice

Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil

Psalm

Jo Ellen Heil

Lay Readers

Tom & Judy Drew

Prayers of the People

Peter Bowers

Ushers

Roger Myers, Sally Weimer

Hospitality

Esther McClain

Altar Guild

Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Kathy Loest, Susan Talmadge

Flower Guild

Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow, Carole Nelson

Counters

Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge

Facility Lock Up

Nate Alday

Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 22, 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, Bruce, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy, Stacie

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The 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, TLC Plus and VCSAGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2018 vestry members and officers are Paul Angelo, Kay Armstrong, Peter Bowers (Junior Warden), Carmela Carreño, Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby, Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Bob Gold, Sarah Lamola, Ruth McCool, Miles Sexton (Senior Warden), Greg Jackson (Treasurer), Paula Robertson (Clerk).
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + The arrival Grace & Tom's son, Gilbert Nicholas on April 15th weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz.
- + 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.: *Unitarian/Universalist*, *Center for Spiritual Living*, *An Lac Mission (Buddhist)*, *Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM: Fritz Huntsinger, Jr.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

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Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 04/22	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Newcomer Orientation
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)
	12:00 pm	Introduction to American Sign Language (Youth Room)
	12:00 pm	Daughters of the King Chapter Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	The Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Monday 04/23	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 04/24		
Wed. 04/25	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)
Thurs. 04/26	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Fri. 04/27	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat 04/28	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)

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 Esther McClain

10:15 Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens, Jennifer Golland

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



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

APRIL 29, MAY 6, MAY 27: Join us during 11:30 Fellowship & Formation to learn about ***Sustaining St. Paul's Music Scholarship-Internship Program.***

Have you enjoyed our ***cantors***? Our growing ***choir***? Our ***contemporary*** music? Our ***soloists***? All these have been supported by St. Paul's Music Scholarship-Internship Program. This unique program brings talented young musicians to St. Paul's Music Ministry while supporting their vocal training with work experience and a monthly stipend to be used for their music education. You can hear our recipients in the choir and as cantors every Sunday, sing solos or duets throughout the year, and (a new and exciting addition!) offer original musical compositions in the coming months.

Your sponsorship dollars work ***triple duty*** by

- 1) growing our choir
- 2) providing cantors
- 3) supporting young musicians' music education.



TODAY: CHILDREN'S MUSIC: St. Paul's is pleased to provide a wonderful (and free) opportunity for children's music education.

Our professional children's music teacher, Nicole Benson, will gather the children in the Music Room during the 10:15 coffee hour to explore music through song, movement and fun activities! Please pick up your children at 12:15pm. (All ages are welcome. Children under 5 need to be accompanied by an adult.)



TODAY – FAIR TRADE SALES

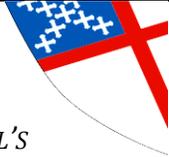
St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation. Join us as we do all we can to abolish the scourge of modern day slavery. Purchase fair trade coffees, teas and chocolates after both services today.



Today - Introduction to American Sign Language

**SUNDAYS 12-1PM IN KAHLER HALL AT ST. PAUL'S
Three More Sessions: 4/22; 4/29; and 5/6**

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



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Today - Newcomer Information Series

SUNDAYS 9:30-10AM IN THE MEETING ROOM NEXT TO THE KITCHEN

4/22 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries
4/29 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

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



TODAY – DAUGHTERS OF THE KING CHAPTER MEETING

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



FAMILY TO FAMILY: Thank you! Thank you to Ian, Larry, Shirley, Joan, Byron, Linda, Susan, Ernie, Gloria, Jim, Joseph & Amanda! We had a great time getting the space ready and preparing and serving lunch to our hungry neighbors! 238 plates were served. Thank you to the Subway on Thompson (Von's shopping center) for the Chicken Breast sandwiches. If you have questions about this rewarding local ministry, contact Paula Robertson, volunteer coordinator. **May 21st** is the next opportunity. We set up at 9:30am and serve at 11:30 on 303 Ventura Ave.



Forever Found

This month's outreach project is FREEDOM BAGS.

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

Please join us for the upcoming events!



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