



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Year B

March 11, 2018 10:15 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.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 7 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

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

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

Holy Eucharist

A Penitential Order for Lent

Prelude

*My Soul, Prepare Thyself
Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

*Johan Walther
arr. Don Michael Dicie*

Silent Procession

At the sound of the bell, please stand.

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

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

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

Mark 12:29-31

Please remain standing or kneel as you prefer.

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

Silence may be kept.

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

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

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Hymnal S102

Please stand.

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

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.



A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 We give thanks, O God, for you are good, *
your mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the you have redeemed proclaim *
that you redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 You gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to you in their trouble, *
and you delivered them from their distress.
- 20 You sent forth your word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to you for your mercy *
and the wonders you do for your children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of your acts with shouts of joy.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Gradual Hymn
All stand to sing.

God be in my head

Hymnal 694

Holy Gospel
Remain standing and face the Gospel.

John 3:14-21

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

All stand and together say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Embraced by God's word, let us intercede for all those in need, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

Leader

For the church, that our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and our thirst for deeds of justice, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the community of nations, that the worth of every life may compel us on the way to solidarity and peace, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For exiles and refugees, that all who are homeless because of war or hunger, because of the greed or hatred of others, because of disabilities, may find places of rest and kindness, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For those who struggle with addictions, that they may find strength and love for the simple gifts of God, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For this assembly, God's handiwork, that our steps be directed in ways of peace that lead us to the side of those the world despises, and that we name these rejected ones our brothers and sisters, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

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

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

Deacon

God, full of goodness and open to weakness, remember all whom we remember, and remind us of all whom we would forget. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

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

Announcements

Newcomer Blessing

We ask your prayers as we welcome these persons who are joining with us as members of St. Paul's, Ventura.

Loving God, by whose inspiration this congregation was established over 129 years ago: Bless these new members. Send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us together as one body dedicated to worshiping, loving and serving you. Help us to grow in love and in faith. Stir us to serve and support one another and equip us for our many ministries as we work together to serve as the Light of Christ in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

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

Liturgy of the Table

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15, 16

Offertory

We've Come This Far by Faith
Diego Magaña, soloist

Albert Goodson

Presentation Hymn

Please stand.

My God, thy table now is spread

Hymnal 321

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

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

All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine made holy. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel or beside the vigil candle rack to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

Grant Us Light

Eric H. Thiman

Optimism

Aaron Petrek

Performed by the composer. Aaron Petrek is a local composer and pianist.

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

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

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

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

Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

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

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

See the following page.

Concluding Hymn God be with you till we meet again Wonder, Love and Praise 801
Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Unison *Harmony*

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

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

Unison

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

Silent Recession
Please stand.

Dismissal

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

Special thanks to guest musician, Aaron Petrek, pianist.

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Concluding Hymn: *God be with you till we meet again* Words and Music - Public Domain

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

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

3/11 Serving This Week

10:15am

Acolytes	Charlotte & Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian
Chalice	Drew Darby, Roger Crow
Psalm	Drew Darby
Lay Readers	Joseph Wareham, Roger Crow
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Dolen
Ushers	Shirley & Larry Myers
Eucharistic Prayer Ministry	Rose Hayden-Smith
Eucharistic Visitor's Kit	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
Sunday School Leaders	Karyn & Greg Jackson
Welcome Ministry	Guadalupe Guillén, Lori Redding
Hospitality	Ruth McCool, Rob & Susan Talmadge, Bert & Ernie Fickerson
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Kathy Loest, Susan Talmadge
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Facility Lock Up	Nate Alday

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 11, 2018

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

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Cathy, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

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

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups.
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks.
- + 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.: *Church of the Foothills*, *First Christian Church*, *Church of Christ*

IN MEMORIAM: Joe Mangione



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Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 03/11	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)
	12:15 pm	Abolitionist Committee (Youth Room)
	4:30 pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Monday 03/12	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 03/13	10:00 am	Pastoral Care (Library)
	6:30 pm	Altar Guild (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Youth Room, Kahler Hall)
Wed. 03/14	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)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
Thurs. 03/15	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Marie Calendar's)
Fri. 03/16	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup & Salad Supper (Kahler Hall)
Sat 03/17	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
	11:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)

Digital Disciples are in The House!

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

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St. Paul's GO

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

Here's How:

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest
password is 8056435033
2. Download a QR Code Reader app: Google Play [Android] App Store [iPhone]
3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.



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 Jo Ellen Heil

10:15 Ruth McCool, Rob & Susan Talmadge, and Bert & Ernie Fickerson

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



THIS SUNDAY: Thank you to today's cantor, Nicole Benson and special thanks to our 10:15 guest musician, pianist Aaron Petrek.

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

If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Felix or Tara Eisenhauer & visit Choir Open House on **April 19th** at 6:30pm.



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

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



TODAY: FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND TEA SALES: Fair Trade Sale of coffees, teas and chocolates are available after both services. Buy a taste of fine chocolates and coffee that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at joannewaklee@yahoo.com



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

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



JOIN THE CHOIR FOR EASTER!: Easter is almost here and we have amazing music planned! If you are interested in singing with the choir for Easter Vigil and Easter services, please plan on attending all rehearsal and services.

March 15, 8:15-9pm - Rehearsal

March 17, 11am – 1pm - Rehearsal

March 24, 12-2pm – Rehearsal

March 31, 6:00-10:00pm-ish – Rehearsal and Easter Vigil Service

April 1, 7:20am-Noon-ish – Easter Sunday Services



SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY

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

2018 Lenten Study Program

Friday Evenings 3/16, 3/23

Stations of the Cross

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



7:00 p.m. Walking the Stations of the Cross (in the Sanctuary)

And you are invited to come early, if you like.

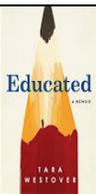
6:00 p.m. Share a Simple Meatless Supper (in Kahler Hall)

This year as we continue to heal and recover from the fires that tested our community, we will be providing a space to share our stories and dreams of rising from the ashes.

All are Welcome!



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



1ST MONDAY BOOK CLUB-March Selection

March's selection is Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. We will meet **April 2nd** to discuss. We gather at Panera Bread at 5pm for food and drink. Discussion starts around 5:30pm. Contact Paula Robertson with any questions. Parishioners & friends are invited. *(Sponsored by Daughters of the King.)*

Holy Week Preparations



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



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



SATURDAY – MARCH 24 – ALL ABOUT PALMS ALL MORNING!

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

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



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



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



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

Holy Week Services



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

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

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

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



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

7:30 pm: Service

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



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

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



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



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

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



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

Events At A Glance

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

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

Friday, March 30

Saturday, March 31

Sunday, April 1

Lenten Study Program

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 4:30pm

Learn About Holy Week & Easter 11:30am

Palm Cross Workshop, Palm Decorating

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

Procession of the Palms to VCMC 9:30am

Deadline for Music & Flower Donations

Drop-off Plants & Flowers in Chapel Noon

Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm

Vigil at the Altar of Repose begins 9:00pm

Labyrinth Walk 6:00-8:00am,

Good Friday Service Noon

Flower Arranging Workshop & Decorating 9:00am

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

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



ST. PAUL'S MUSIC MINISTRY!

Come learn about our exciting music program
and how you can be a part of it!

OPEN HOUSE

4/19/18 6:30PM

In the music room, upstairs from Kahler Hall

Choir, Bells/Chimes, Contemporary Music,
Children's Music Hour & more!

6:30-7:00PM Open House
7:00PM Stay and try out a choir rehearsal!

Questions?

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