



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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March 31, 2019 8 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist *A Penitential Order for Lent*

Prelude

Praeludium

Franz Tunder

Silent Procession

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

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319

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

The Decalogue

BCP p. 317

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

God spake these words, and said:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

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

Honor thy father and thy mother.

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

Thou shalt do no murder.

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

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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

Thou shalt not steal.

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

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

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

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Sentences of Scripture

BCP p. 319

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

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession

BCP p. 330

Stand or kneel as you prefer.

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

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

Absolution

BCP p. 321

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

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

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

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Please stand as you are able.

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

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

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

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

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

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

(See page 11 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *Julia Cohen and those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

COMMISSIONING OF ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

Rector Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit in one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission these persons who are qualified and duly elected to the ministry of the vestry.

Rector You have been called and elected to this ministry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence, and faithfully execute your duties to the honor of God and the benefit of this congregation?

Vestry **I will.**

Rector Let us all pray together.

All **O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace our Wardens and Vestry. Inspire their minds, and guide their actions, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Rector In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as a members of the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Thank you so much for your service!

2019 Vestry

The Rev. Susan Bek, <i>Rector</i>	Rose Hayden-Smith, <i>Senior Warden</i>
Woody Bretz, <i>Junior Warden</i>	Drew Darby, <i>Treasurer</i>
Ted Andrews	Kay Armstrong
Kathleen Crookston	Grace Dunlevy
Cheri Gonzales	Sarah Lamola
Ruth McCool	Ian McEwan
Dan Wakelee	

Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and other Special Occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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

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

Romans 12:1

Offertory

Christ has for Sin Atonement Made—Southern Harmony

arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Presentation Hymn

Please stand.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

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.

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

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

Communion Music

Meditation on My Song is Love Unknown

Francis Jackson

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



Concluding Hymn

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Please stand as you are able.

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

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Silent Recession

Please stand as you are able and face the cross.

Dismissal

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

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

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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke
Psalm	Lori Burke
Lay Readers	Tom Drew, Judy Drew
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Cantor	Natalie Epelone
Ushers	Peter & Sharon Bowers
Hospitality Sponsors	Vicki Paul
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith
Counters	Pam Owens
Facility Lock Up	Woody Bretz

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 3/31	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:40 am	Flower Guild Meeting (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	REACH Sack Lunch Packing Party
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 4/1	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 4/2	6:30 pm	Altar Guild Meeting (library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room/Kahler Hall)
Wed. 4/3	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 4/4	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 4/5	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Evening Lenten Study with Soup Supper (Kahler Hall)
Sat. 4/6	9:00 am	Seed Planting in the Garden (Gooden Center)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 4/7	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 31, 2019

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

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

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

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

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County
- + 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 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: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaowo, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*

IN MEMORIUM

Julia Cohen

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



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Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am-Vicki Paul
10:15 am Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Eunice Koch
10:15 am-Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!



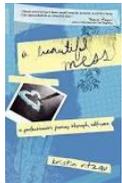
FLOWER GUILD MEETING, TODAY at 11:40 All Flower Guild Members are encouraged to attend. We will discuss flowers and plans for Easter - we want to transform the sanctuary into a truly glorious representation of our joy at the Resurrection of our Lord. Anyone who is interested in exploring the possibility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



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



VENTURA COUNTY CONCERT BAND, FREE CONCERT, TODAY at 3:00 pm March Madness is the theme of this concert which will feature sparkling marches, Broadway hits, the best of the Sixties, Disney favorites and more. Come to the **Ventura High School Auditorium** and hear St. Paul's musicians, The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Nate Alday and Lori Redding play with the band!



FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB , MONDAY, APRIL 1 at 5:00 pm The selection this month is *A Beautiful Mess: A Perfectionist's Journey Through Self-Care* by Kristin Ritzau. Join us **Monday, April 1** at 5:00PM for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome! See you then!



SEED PLANTING IN THE GARDEN, SATURDAY APRIL 6 at 9:00 am Bring the kids and join us in the Garden in front of the Gooden Center (at the far end of the parking lot) as we plant and plan for a beautiful summer harvest! Call or email Laura Andrews, (818) 397-5872, quenzel@gmail.com



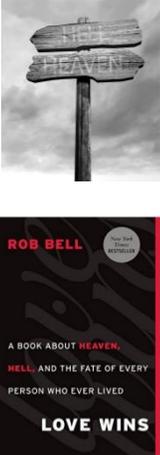
ASL SIGNING CHOIR—APRIL 7 We will learn Song-Signing and offer artistic renditions of some of our service music in the beautifully expressive visual language of ASL. Meet us in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:15 service at 11:40am. No experience necessary. We'd love to have you join us!



CAN YOU HELP US? While Rev. Liz works to learn all our names, it would be very helpful for you to wear your name tag. It is also a friendly way to welcome all the visitors and newcomers that are coming by on Sunday mornings. So, if you don't mind, please wear your name tag on Sunday. Help us to give everyone a warm welcome and introduce yourself to anyone you don't already know. **Thanks!**

	<p>REACH! in MARCH—<i>Reaching out to the world in the name of Christ</i> Please help us to reach out by inviting some friends to join us for Easter services. Beautiful invitations are available in the narthex (church lobby).</p> <p>Thanks for your help!</p>
	<p>EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: Would you like to make a donation in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one? We are now collecting for Flowers and Music that will help to make our Easter services truly glorious. Place your donation in the envelopes provided in your pew and place it in the offering plate. You may also donate online via our website www.saintpaulsventura.org. Click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note “Easter Flowers & Music” and the inscription for the bulletin.</p>
	<p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY—<i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan to make arrangements.</i></p> <p>The next baptism opportunity will be on Saturday, April 20 during the Great Vigil of Easter. Please contact Rev. Susan for more information and to arrange baptism preparation.</p>
	<p>YOU CAN SUPPORT ST. PAUL’S AS YOU SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE!—Sign up at Amazon Smile and designate St. Paul’s as your charity. We will earn .5% of everything you spend! Go to smile.amazon.com and when you are asked to pick a charity search for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Ventura. Then, every time you shop at Amazon start at smile.amazon.com. It’s that easy!</p>
	<p>ST. PAUL’S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE Why? Because all are welcome here. In each week’s ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul’s Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the “Learning Sign Language” playlist. If you enjoy it, share it. Help us spread the word that St. Paul’s has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thank you!</p> <p>← This sign means, “I love you.”</p>

Keeping a Holy Lent

	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYING THE ROSARY – SUNDAY MORNINGS Join us Sunday Mornings, 3/31 & 4/7, at 9:45 in the Community Room as we pray the Anglican rosary together.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">LENTEN STUDY – FRIDAY EVENINGS <i>March 8 – April 12</i> 6-7PM SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK STUDY IN KAHLER HALL 7-7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY</p> <p>As we enjoy our supper, Rev. Liz will lead us in a discussion about Rob Bell’s book <i>Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived.</i> (Available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 5 - We’ll be discussing chapter 5</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS After dinner, you’re invited to join us as we walk the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. It’s a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.</p>

Preparing for Holy Week and Easter

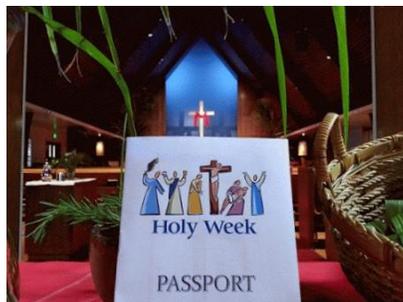
Here are some ways you can help:

	<p>SATURDAY, April 13 – IT’S ALL ABOUT THE PALMS!</p> <p>PALM CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP: 9am in the Community Room Come and learn this ancient art as we prepare the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. No prior experience is necessary, and we could really use your help. Thanks!</p> <p>PALM DECORATING: 9am in the Sanctuary Come help us decorate and create a beautiful palm arch as we prepare the church for Palm Sunday. Lots of hands make light work!</p>
	<p>PLANTS & FLOWERS NEEDED: We’re going to create a garden in the side chapel. This is where we will take shifts through the night, keeping the watch, and remembering the time when Jesus went to the garden to pray and then was arrested. If you don’t mind loaning us any potted plants or flowers, we’d really appreciate it! You can drop them off after services on Palm Sunday or sometime before noon on Wednesday, April 17th. Please contact the church office to arrange a time. Plan to pick them up after church on Easter Sunday. Thank you so much!</p>
	<p>SATURDAY, April 20 at 9am - FLOWER ARRANGING & DECORATING</p> <p>Would you like to help us? Come lend a hand. Help us prepare for a truly glorious Easter. No experience necessary. Our Flower Guild appreciates your support!</p>
	<p>EASTER SUNDAY—SHARING OF EASTER BREADS: A Saint 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. Bring your items already plated and ready to serve, then place your plate on the refreshment table and don’t forget to take your empty plate on your way out. Thank you for sharing!</p>
	<p>EASTER SUNDAY - FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS—Another Saint Paul’s tradition is to decorate the empty cross. Bring flowers from your garden (or the store) and add them to the cross as you enter the Sanctuary to celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday!</p>
<p>Want to Help in Holy Week?</p> <p>SIGN-UP</p> 	<p>4/18 Help with the Stripping of the Altar at the Maundy Thursday Service – Wear black (or dark) clothes and come at 7pm for a brief training before the service.</p> <p>4/18-4/19 Help us Keep the Watch – one hour shifts available through the night and until the noon service on Good Friday</p>

Thank you!

Holy Week and Easter Services

Please invite a friend and join us.



Want to build a deeper connection with Jesus and do something that will help prepare you to experience a truly glorious Easter?

Join us during Holy Week, and you too can have a profound spiritual experience.

Come, get inspired!

	<p>PALM SUNDAY – April 14: Join us as we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and begin our journey through Holy Week.</p> <p>8:00 am: Procession of the Palms with Holy Eucharist.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10:15 am: Procession of the Palms, Reading of The Passion and Holy Eucharist. (This service will begin around the fountain outside Kahler Hall.)</p>
	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 18: 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!</p> <p>7:30 pm: Service</p> <p>9:00 pm: Vigil at The Altar of Repose begins and continues until noon on Good Friday</p>
	<p>VIGIL AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE – Thursday, April 18, 9:00 pm – Friday, April 19, Noon: “Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray.” Help us “Keep the Watch” remembering the time when Jesus prayed in the garden and was arrested. Sign-up sheet for one hour shifts is in the narthex (lobby).</p>
	<p>LABYRINTH WALK BY CANDLELIGHT – Friday, April 19, 6:00 am – 7:00 am: Looking for a meaningful way to remember Jesus’ sacrifice on Good Friday? Come and walk the Labyrinth by candlelight at dawn from 6 – 7 am or anytime throughout the day. Enjoy the beautiful sunrise with glistening light, prayer and meditation.</p>
	<p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Friday, April 19, 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.</p>
	<p>EXPERIENCE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Good Friday, April 19 7:00 pm: We will walk the Stations of the Cross remembering what Jesus went through on his way to the cross. Everyone will have the opportunity to do or experience something related to each station along the way. When Jesus is condemned, we will each have the opportunity to bang the gavel. When he is stripped of his garments, we will each tear off a piece of cloth. Together we will carry the wood and build the cross. When we are finished, we will place it in the memorial garden and pray. This is a powerful and meaningful way to remember and give thanks for all that Jesus sacrificed for us.</p>
	<p>THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL – Saturday, April 20, 8:00 pm: Join us 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. This first service of Easter is one of the most inspiring services of the entire year. Bring a friend and join us!</p>

2019 Holy Week Services

Saturday, – April 13 Palm Cross Making

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

April 14 - Palm Sunday

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

April 17 - Holy Wednesday

9 a.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

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

April 19 - Good Friday

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

Easter Services

Saturday, April 20, 2019

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

Sunday, April 21, 2019

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