



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fourth Sunday of the Epiphany January 28, 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 *Cantabile; Adagio; Romanza; Processional* *W.A. Mozart*

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Entrance Hymn **O for a thousand tongues to sing** **Hymnal 493**

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; *
his praise endures for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Please stand and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Janet, Shelia, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Carol, Marguerite, Randy, Carolin and Cathy.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy, Doug 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 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 *Dave Avila, Anne Mynott, Carolyn Nerdrum 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 *Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord* *Justin Heinrich Knecht*

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 *Book of Common Prayer p. 337*
A period of silence is kept.

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

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 *Passacaglia and Chorale* *James Mansfield*

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

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 **Tell out, my soul** **Hymnal 437**
Please stand.

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 *Processional in B^b* *Anthony Giamanco*

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

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

1/28 Serving This Week

8:00am

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Lori Burke, Jo Ellen Heil
Psalm	Jo Ellen Heil
Lay Readers	Liz McEwan, Pauli Powers
Prayers of the People	Lori Burke
Ushers	Jay & Patti Widdows
Vestry Greeter	Josephine Barnaby
Hospitality	Bill Brewer, Dela Parker
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Kathy Loest, Carole, Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Josephine Barnaby
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Facility Lock Up	Nate Alday

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 28, 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, Marguerite, Cathy, Carol, Randy, Carolin

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

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.
- + 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 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.: *Unitarian/Universalist*, *Center for Spiritual Living*, *An Lac Mission (Buddhist)*, *Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM: Dave Avila, Anne Mynott, Carolyn Nerdrum

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Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 01/28	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Annual Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Monday 01/29	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 01/30		
Wed. 01/31	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	Ventura Soroptimist Club Event
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
Thurs. 02/01	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Fri. 02/02	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat 02/03	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

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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 Bill Brewer, Dela Parker

10:15 Alday, Kelly, Jackson, Vestry

Today's Vestry Greeter is Josephine Barnaby.

Please come say hello.

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



THIS SUNDAY: Thank you to today's cantor, Diego Magaña.

NEXT SUNDAY: Come and enjoy the beautiful organ and piano music. Terry Gorka will be the guest musician at the 10:15 service. He will be singing and playing acoustic guitar.



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.

TODAY

WE WANT YOU! – TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Meet in Kahler Hall 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!



TODAY - SOUPER BOWL IS HERE: Get ready for the Souper Bowl fundraiser to support purchasing the food and paper goods for our monthly Family to Family lunch ministry. On **this 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!*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - PIANO CONCERT: Althea Waites will play a piano recital here on February 25th, 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.

Opportunities



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.



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 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 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



Episcopal Relief & Development
Healing a hurting world



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; 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 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.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:30PM – TURNING POINT FOUNDATION SPEAKER

The Ventura Soroptimist Club is holding an event in Kahler Hall. The speaker, Suki Sir, of Turning Point Foundation will present information on Turning Point Foundation and ways to be involved. Turning Point is the only non-profit agency in Ventura County that addresses the critical community support needs of mentally ill adults. The Foundation has social, vocational and residential programs.

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, **February 14** Ash Wednesday
Sunday, **February 25** Althea Waites Piano Concert
Sunday, **March 25** Palm Sunday
Sunday, **April 1** Easter Sunday