



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.*



Online Bulletin

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year B

March 18, 2018 10:15 a.m.

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### *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.*

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## Holy Eucharist

### *A Penitential Order for Lent*

#### **Prelude**

*Ich ruf zu dir/I call to you Lord Jesus Christ arr. Friedrich Zachow, J.S. Bach*

#### **Silent Procession**

*At the sound of the bell, please stand.*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;                      Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351  
*People*    **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

**God be in my head**

**Hymnal 694**

*All stand to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

## Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

*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*

The hour has come; now is the time to glorify God's name. Let us intercede for the church and for all God's creation, turning to God and saying: Lord, your kingdom come.

*Leader*

You are our God:

may those who are poor and those who are rich, those near and those far, welcome your covenant of peace. We pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You honor those who choose to serve:

help us to be true followers of your servant Son. We pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You draw all people to yourself:

bring us out of our slavery to possessions and away from the desire for wealth. We pray:  
**Lord, your kingdom come.**

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:

**Lord, your kingdom come.**

For the dead, especially *Joe Mangione, William*, (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: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

*Deacon*

Lord God, show us the way of obedience through patient endurance and the way of glory through the law written in our hearts. Hear our prayers and come to our aid. We pray 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**

### **Recognition of Eucharistic Prayer Ministers**

This morning we recognize and offer our thanks to everyone who serves on the Eucharistic Prayer Ministry. These trained lay prayer ministers offer individual prayers with people during communion on Sunday.

**You are Invited.** Whenever you have a special prayer request, you are invited to meet them in the chapel or over by the vigil candle rack after you receive communion. When it's your turn, please briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Please rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

*Leader*         I present to you these ministers who have shown their dedication and shared their love through service in the Eucharistic Prayer Ministry.

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

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

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

## **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**

*This Little Light of Mine*      *Traditional Negro Spiritual, arr. Felix Eisenhauer*

*For the most part, this arrangement takes place in the imagination. A little girl starts singing about letting her light shine. Very quickly, temptation shows up, coaxing her to hide it under a bushel, to which righteousness vehemently exclaims NO! Then follow three groups of people sharing news of the scripture at the time each happened, sounding possibly gossipy, incredulous, or simply unsure of these wonderful things being proclaimed. The song finally returns to the little girl, who has decided to let her light shine.*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul**

**Hymnal 439**

*Please stand.*

### **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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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.*

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**Communion Music**

*Reflections on Lent: A Cycle of Chant*

*Music by Felix Eisenhauer, Words by Rev. Ann Fontaine*

What will be your fast? What will be your feast?

Fast from judgement, Feast on compassion  
Fast from greed, Feast on sharing  
Fast from scarcity, Feast on abundance  
Fast from fear, Feast on peace,  
Fast from lies, Feast on truth  
Fast from gossip, Feast on praise  
Fast from anxiety, Feast on patience  
Fast from evil, Feast on kindness  
Fast from apathy, Feast on engagement  
Fast from discontent, Feast on gratitude  
Fast from noise, Feast on silence  
Fast from discouragement, Feast on hope  
Fast from hatred, Feast on love

**Breathe on me, Breath of God**

**Hymnal 508**

**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**

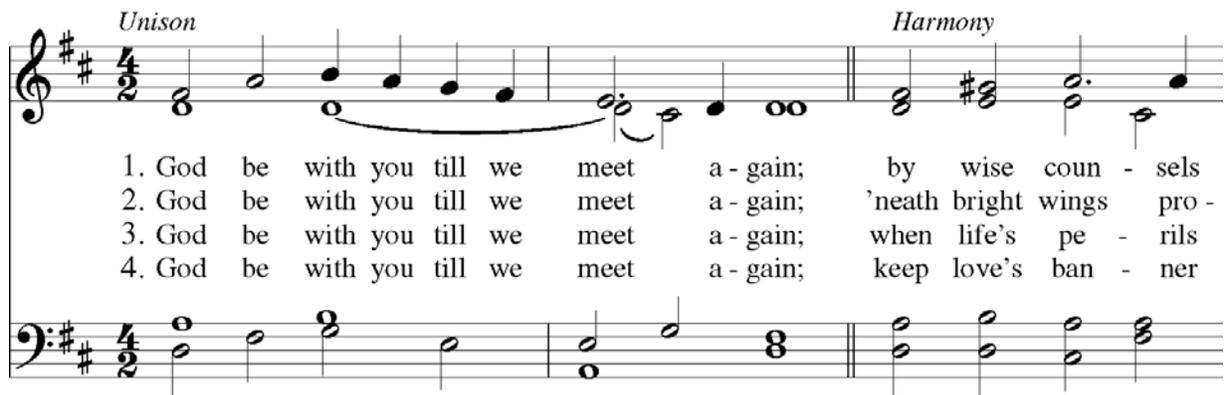
**Wonder, Love and Praise 801**

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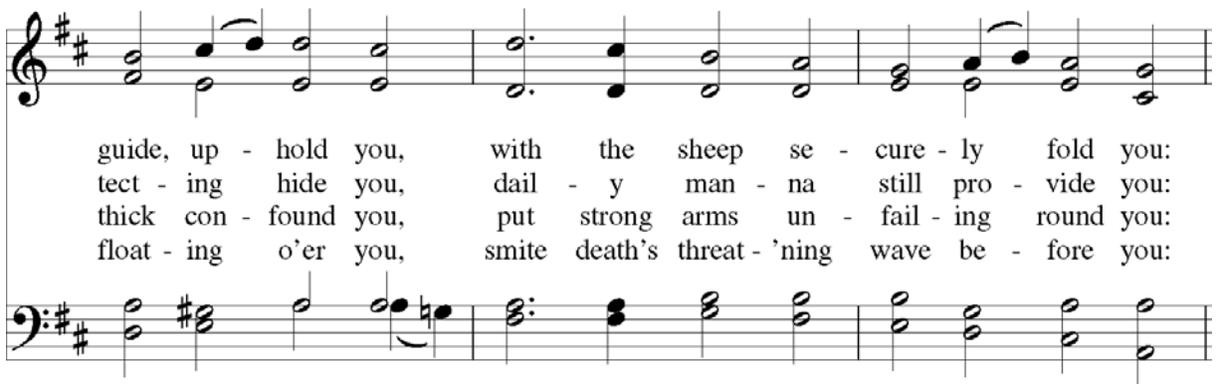
**Concluding Hymn    God be with you till we meet again    Wonder, Love and Praise 801**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

*Unison* *Harmony*

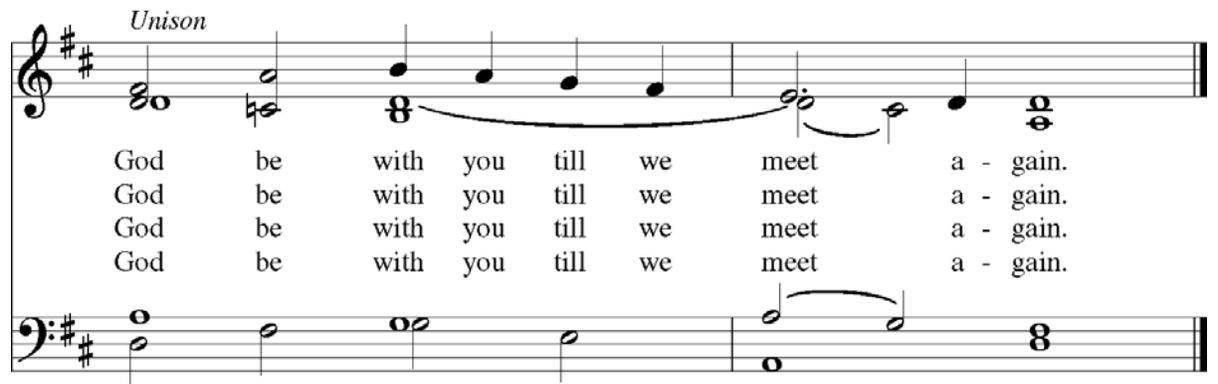


1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels  
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -  
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils  
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner



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.**

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## ***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.

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## ***Serving This Week***

### **10:15am**

**Acolytes**

Gabe Lamola, India Howeth

**Chalice**

Roger Crow, Maggie Kennedy

**Psalm**

Maggie Kennedy

**Lay Readers**

Joseph Wareham, Judy Wareham

**Prayers of the People**

Drew Darby

**Ushers**

Steve Jones, Dan Wakelee

**Eucharistic Prayer Ministry**

Margie & Chuck Cole

**Sunday School Leaders**

Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz

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Sexton, Myers

**Altar Guild**

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**Counters**

Karyn Jackson, Marcia Semple

**Facility Lock Up**

Woody Bretz

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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 18, 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, Stacy

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

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & campus ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara.*
- + Our World Mission Companions in the Diocese of Wiawso: The Cathedral Church of the Ascension; the Diocese of Jerusalem and Diocese of El Salvador.
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

*IN MEMORIAM: Joe Mangione, William*



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

<b>Today</b> <b>03/18</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation-Learn About Holy Week & Easter (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b> <b>03/19</b>	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave)
	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	3:30 pm	CSEC Seminar-Keep Our Children Safe
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>03/20</b>	3:00 pm	Comprehensive Growth Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Youth Room, Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>03/21</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 pm	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:00 pm	Kindermusik Recital (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>03/22</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>03/23</b>	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)
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
<b>Sat</b> <b>03/24</b>	9:00 am	Palm Cross Workshop (Youth Room)
	9:00 am	Palm Decorating (Church)
	12:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	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.



## 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!*

**THANKS FOR COMING!  
JOIN US FOR COFFEE**



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning.

8:00 Virginia Ferro

10:15 Miles & Cathy Sexton, Larry & Shirley Myers, Rev. Susan & Jon Bek

***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 for Palm Sunday.

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:** 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-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.



**TOMORROW-MONDAY, MARCH 19 FAMILY TO FAMILY:** Come serve lunch at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Paula is our volunteer coordinator. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. We are asking for a couple of additional organizers to share the leadership of this amazing ministry. It is simple, the shopping list is easy, the meal appreciated and we have a great team of volunteers. Come test the waters on Monday. Prayerfully consider and direct your questions to Paula.



**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 3/23

### 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.

 **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?  
E-mail our music minister, Felix Eisenhauer, at  
[musicminister@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:musicminister@saintpaulsventura.org)

## 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](http://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.**



**THIS 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. **Sign up in church lobby or Kahler Hall.**



**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! Sign up to help strip the altar and prepare for Good Friday in the church lobby or Kahler Hall.

**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](http://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. Bring bells to ring in celebration of the coming of Easter!

**Friday, March 23**

**Saturday, March 24**

**Sunday, March 25**

**Monday, March 26**

**Wednesday, March 28**

**Thursday, March 29**

**Friday, March 30**

**Saturday, March 31**

**Sunday, April 1**

### Events At A Glance

**Stations of the Cross 7:00pm**

**Palm Cross Workshop, Palm Decorating 9:00am**

**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**