



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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April 7, 2019 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Heidi 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 14 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

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

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

Holy Eucharist ***A Penitential Order for Lent***

Prelude

I Call to Thee

Dietrich Buxtehude

Silent Procession

At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.

Celebrant
People

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

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant

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

Mark 12:29-31

Please remain standing or kneel as you prefer.

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

Silence may be kept.

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

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

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Hymnal S102

Please stand as you are able.

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.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual Hymn
All stand to sing.

God be in my head

Hymnal 694

Holy Gospel

John 12:1-8

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.



Credo from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

All stand as able and together sing.

Deacon

Our service continues with the Nicene Creed. Please stand and join us in singing.



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.



A - men.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

As God's new people, formed in Christ Jesus, let us join in prayer to God who makes all things new, saying: O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Leader

Draw your church more deeply into the reality of Christ's sufferings, so that every one whom you have called in him may show forth the power of his resurrection. O God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Renew the spirit of hope in every human society and nation. Invigorate us, that we may strain forward to the future you promise. O God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Show your mercy to those who are held back by infidelity to your plans, and free them to receive your word of life. O God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Rescue from fear those who are deprived of their human needs or their human rights. Give them their share of the dignity you confer on all your children. O God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to this assembly a heart open to your word, that we may embrace your promise, heed your commands, and declare your praise. O God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, especially *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those affected by recent violence, or recovering from fires and floods. O God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, *especially Julia Cohen (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled. O God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Deacon

God our Savior and Redeemer, you are constantly at work, bringing forth new things in your creation. Hear the prayers we make to you, and continue to perform ever greater wonders for the entire family of humankind, through your Son, 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

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

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

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

Offertory

Emma Lou Diemer

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Hymnal 313

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand, sit 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.

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.

After you receive communion you are invited to meet with our lay prayer ministers in the chapel. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Jesus Remember Me

Ostinato Refrain

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

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 Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; 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

Silent Recession

Please stand as you are able.

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

Acolytes	India Howeth, Judy Wareham, Gina Trevisan
Chalice	Woody Bretz, John Borneman
Psalm	Woody Bretz
Lay Readers	Joseph Wareham, Judy Wareham
Prayers of the People	Lori Redding
Cantor	Natalie Epelone
Eucharistic Prayer Ministry	Rose Hayden-Smith
Ushers	Steve Jones, Dan Wakelee
Vestry Greeter	Cheri Gonzales
Welcome Ministry	Ernie Fickerson
Sunday School Leaders	Bridget Wareham, Sarah Lamola
Hospitality	Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower
Altar Guild	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul
Counters	Barbara Jakovich, Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Greg McCombs

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 4/7	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)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 4/8	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 4/9	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	1:30 pm	Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room/Kahler Hall)
Wed. 4/10	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. 4/11	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 4/12	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. 4/13	9:00 am	Palm Cross Workshop & Decorating (Community Room)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 4/14	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Procession to VCMC
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	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 April 7, 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:

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- + 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 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: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiauso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

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-Eunice Koch
10:15 am Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Esther McClain
10:15 am-Ralph & Kay Armstrong, David & RoseAnn Hill, Janalee Young)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!



MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S Thank you to guitar players Reid Edwards and Guy Wirsig for playing this morning at the 10:15 service.



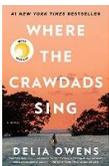
ASL SIGNING CHOIR—TODAY We will learn Song-Signing and offer artistic renditions of some of our service music in the beautifully expressive visual language of ASL. Meet us in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:15 service at 11:40am. No experience necessary. We'd love to have you join us!



FAIR TRADE SALES, April 14 After Sunday services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at joannewakelee@yahoo.com



CLIMATE CHANGE-NORMAL VARIATION OR MAN MADE A presentation by St. Paul's parishioner, Dr. Ralph Armstrong on **Sunday, April 28** at noon in the Community Room (behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Most, but not all, agree that the planet is warming up. Ralph Armstrong, a physician, examines the evidence of climate change so that we can make up our own minds. Bring your thinking caps! All who are interested are welcome.



FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB The selection this month is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. This #1 New York Times Bestseller is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Join us on **Monday, May 6** at 5:00pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome! *Sponsored by Daughters of the King.*



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!*



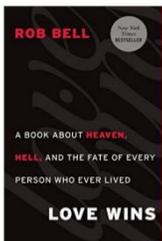
REACH! in April—Reaching out to the world in the name of Christ

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).

Thanks for your help!

	<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>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! ← This sign means, “I love you.”</p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="381 745 876 934">  <p>Evangelism Sharing the Good News has never been so easy!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="901 756 1485 861"> <p>When you arrive at St. Paul’s Ventura, make sure you go to Facebook on your phone and check in!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="925 892 1461 966"> <p>Let your friends know where you are and invite them to join you!</p> </div> </div>

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>
<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;">   </div>	<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 12 - We’ll be discussing chapters 7 & 8</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>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: <i>“Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray.”</i> 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 or 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