



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fifth Sunday of the Epiphany

Year B

February 4, 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

Marvelous Grace

arr. Daniel Turner

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

arr. Robert Thygeron

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Entrance Hymn

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over

Hymnal 1

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 40:21-31

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to you, O God! *
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!
- 2 For you rebuild Jerusalem; *
and gather the exiles of Israel.
- 3 You heal the brokenhearted *
and bind up their wounds.
- 4 You count the number of the stars *
and call them all by their names.
- 5 Great are you and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to your wisdom.
- 6 You lift up the lowly, *
but cast the wicked to the ground.
- 7 We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving; *
we make music to you upon the harp.
- 8 For you cover the heavens with clouds *
and prepare rain for the earth;
- 9 You make grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 You provide food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 You are not impressed by the might of a horse; *
you have no pleasure in human strength;
- 12 But you have pleasure in those who fear you, *
in those who await your gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

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

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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, Scott, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Tom, Maggie, Duncan, Janet, Shelia, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Doug, Carol, Marguerite and Kathy.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy and those others on our hearts* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially those affected by the recent fires and floods.

(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, 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

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

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

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

The Clarion Call

David Paxton

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

Thank you to our guest musician, Terry Gorka.

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

02/04 Serving This Week

8:00am

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil
Psalm	Peter Bowers
Lay Readers	Judy & Tom Drew
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Ushers	Roger Myers, Sally Weimer
Hospitality	Jo Ellen Heil
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Louise Bretz
Flower Guild	Carole Nelson, Jennifer Golland
Counters	Karyn Jackson, Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Woody Bretz

Prayer Intentions for the Week of February 4, 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:

- + 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 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 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.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

IN MEMORIAM: Dave Avila, Anne Mynott, Carolyn Nerdrum

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Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 02/04	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Monday 02/05	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	5:30 pm	1 st Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 02/06	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Youth Room, Kahler Hall)
Wed. 02/07	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)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
Thurs. 02/08	8:30 am	Buildings & Grounds (Youth Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Fri. 02/09	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	7:00 pm	Vestry Dinner
Sat 02/10	9:00 pm	Vestry Retreat
	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

Like & Share Facebook Page: St. Paul's Ventura

Announcements

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



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

8:00 Jo Ellen Heil

10:15 Bretz, Crookston, Angelo

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



THIS SUNDAY: Thank you to today's cantor, Nicole Benson and guest musician, Terry Gorka, vocalist and guitar.

NEXT SUNDAY: Come and enjoy the beautiful organ and piano music and St. Paul's contemporary ensemble.



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 next 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 \$6,600 for the year. 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!*



SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 PANCAKE SUPPER: All are welcome to come to our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Kahler Hall from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$8 adults, \$5 children under 12 and \$20 for families. Sign up sheets are in Kahler Hall and the narthex.



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14: Ashes to Go 7:30 – 9:00am. See Rev. Susan if you are interested in helping with Ashes to Go. Serving those unable to attend church services. Services will be held at 9:30am, noon and 7:00pm.



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.



SUNDAY, MARCH 11 ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER: Save the date. 4:30-7pm Details to come.

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.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE & CHOCOLATE: Sales after church services on February 11.



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



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
Healing a hurting world

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Shrove Tuesday, **February 13** Pancake Supper
Ash Wednesday, **February 14** Ashes to Go, Services 9:30am, noon, 7:00pm
Sunday, **February 25** Althea Waites Piano Concert
Sunday, **March 11** St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Sunday, **March 25** Palm Sunday
Sunday, **April 1** Easter Sunday

