



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

May 6, 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**

*Thy Perfect Love  
Prelude on Kingsfold*

*Michael Shea  
David Lasky*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell*

**Entrance Hymn**

**O Jesus, crowned with all renown**

**Hymnal 292**

**Opening Salutation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

**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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

*As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 98**

1 Sing a new song to God, \*  
who has done marvelous things.

2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm \*  
you have won for yourself the victory.

3 You have made known your victory; \*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 You remembers your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to God with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,  
who will come to judge the earth.

10 God shall judge the world in righteousness \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

## Holy Gospel

John 15:7-9

*Please stand.*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 326

*All stand and say together.*

**Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

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*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.<sup>1</sup>

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, and Dick;* that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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

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

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy, Bruce, Lee, Brenda and Stacie.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Rachel, Kathy, Doug, Kim 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 acts of violence and 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 *Fritz Huntsinger, Doris Nicholas, Lucille Paine and those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

## Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 330

### Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## Announcements

**Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.**

## *Liturgy of the Table*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

### Offertory

*Rejoice and Sing*

*arr. James Pethel*

### Presentation Hymn

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (v. 1)**

**Hymnal 205**

*Please stand.*

### Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

#### The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

### Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 337

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### Prayer of Humble Access

BCP p. 337

## Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.



## *Serving This Week*

**8:00am**

<b>Acolytes</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Psalm</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Pauli Powers, Ellen Morgan
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Peter Bowers
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz & Ian McEwan
<b>Hospitality</b>	Eunice Koch
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Rose Hayden-Smith, Vicki Paul
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Rose Hayden-Smith, Carole Nelson
<b>Counters</b>	Louise Bretz
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Greg McCombs

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

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>05/06</b>	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)
	12:00 pm	Introduction to ASL (Youth Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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<b>Monday</b>	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
<b>05/07</b>	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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<b>Tues.</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Ministry (Library)
<b>05/08</b>	2:00 pm	Memorial Service – Lucille Paine (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Scout Troop (Youth Room)
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<b>Wed.</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
<b>05/09</b>	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Memorial Service – Doris Nicholas (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
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<b>Thurs.</b>	8:30 am	Buildings and Grounds (Youth Room)
<b>05/10</b>	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
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<b>Fri.</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>05/11</b>	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
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<b>Sat</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
<b>05/12</b>		

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 6, 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:***

Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Bruce, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy, Stacie, Bruce, Lee, Brenda

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, 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:***

- + 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, Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks.
- + Our World Mission Companions in the Diocese of Wiawso: The Cathedral Church of the Ascension; the Diocese of Jerusalem and Diocese of El Salvador.
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah*, *The Islamic Center of Oxnard*, *Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

***IN MEMORIAM: Fritz Huntsinger, Doris Nicholas, Lucille Paine***

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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 Eunice Koch  
10:15 Ruth McCool, Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Carmela Carreño

***Please join us again next Sunday!***

### **MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S**



**THIS SUNDAY:** Thank you to today's cantor, Nicole Benson.

**MAY 6, MAY 27:** Join us during Fellowship after the 10:15 service to learn about sustaining

#### **St. Paul's Music Scholarship-Internship Program.**

Have you enjoyed our cantors? Our growing choir? Our contemporary music? Our soloists? All these have been supported by the Music Scholarship-Internship Program. This unique program brings talented young musicians to the Music Ministry while supporting their vocal training with work experience and a monthly stipend to be used for their music education. Donations may be made at any time to St. Paul's in person, by mail or online. Note Music Scholarship.



**TODAY: CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** St. Paul's is pleased to provide a wonderful (and free) opportunity for children's music education.

Our professional children's music teacher, Nicole Benson, will gather the children in the Music Room during the 10:15 coffee hour to explore music through song, movement and fun activities! Please pick up your children at 12:15pm. (All ages are welcome. Children under 5 need to be accompanied by an adult.)



### **Today - Introduction to American Sign Language**

**SUNDAY 12-1PM IN KAHLER HALL AT ST. PAUL'S**

**Last Session:, 5/6**

**Each session includes:** fingerspelling, ASL Vocabulary, Song-Sign, glimpses into Deaf Culture and an opportunity to practice with others while sharing a potluck lunch.

***Free & Open to All Ages***



### ***In Memoriam***

Lucille Paine, Memorial Service – Tuesday, May 8 2:00 pm here, Patio Reception following the service.

Doris Nicholas, Funeral Service – Wednesday, May 9 1:00 pm here Patio Reception following the service.

Fritz Huntsinger, Private Service, All are invited to the reception – Saturday, May 26 3:00 pm Saticoy Country Club

**BE** Church!  
**REACH!**

**YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!**



**Thank you for your donations to  
Forever Found**

The REACH BAGs were overflowing and the women who have been freed from human trafficking in our area will benefit from your donations. (We realize the tags on the bags had last year's final collection date listed. If you still have items to turn in, drop them off and we will get them to the Ventura Soroptimist Club who is our partner in this outreach ministry.)

June's outreach project is **Love Does Bags!** which collects Brand-New supplies to provide personal items for children in Ventura County going into Emergency Foster Care. Look for the red REACH BAGs coming soon.



**MAY 16: THOMAS FIRE VICTIMS BENEFIT CONCERT**

Plan on coming to St. Paul's on Wednesday, May 16 at 7pm and enjoy the classical music performance of **THE POMONA COLLEGE GLEE CLUB**. The 30-voice chamber ensemble travels throughout the U.S. and internationally and has performed at the Washington D.C. National Cathedral, St. Paul's Basilica and now St. Paul's Ventura! Dr. Di Grazia, director, says, *"In this time when so many of our neighbors have experienced such devastation and loss, we are honored to be able to give a little of ourselves in support of their recovery. We are also very grateful to the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and the local churches involved for partnering with us as we reach out to these communities."*

Tickets are not needed however donations are gratefully accepted.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 20**

Celebrate the Birthday of the Church and 129 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura.

*All are invited to the party!*

**Food and Fun starts at 11:30am in Kahler Hall.**

