



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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April 14, 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 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 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.

Before the Service

Holy Water Blessing

Children are invited to gather at the fountain and help bless the water that will be used to bless our palms and palm crosses.

Celebrant Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: Bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People **Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

We gather on the patio around the fountain.

Welcome

The Reverend Susan Bek

Liturgy of the Palms

Opening Salutation

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Here is read Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Procession to the Church

Deacon Let us go forth in peace;
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*All process following the cross to the entrance of the church singing.
Help yourself to palms and palm crosses as you walk by.*

Procession of the Palms

Felix Eisenhauer

Ho - sa - na Ho - sa - na Ho - sa - na in_ the high - est! Ho -
sa - na Ho - sa - na Ho - sa - na in_ the high - est! **Fine**
Blessed is he_ who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho

Please stop and gather outside the church doors.

Said at the entrance of the church.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please enter the church and take your seats.

People's Processional *Christ's Entry Into Jerusalem*

Stanley Saxton

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Processional Hymn **All glory, laud, and honor**

Hymnal 154

Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalms 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O God, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O God. *
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Gradual Hymn

Ride On, King Jesus

Lift Every Voice & Sing 97

All stand as they are able to sing the hymn.

Ride on, King Je - sus, No man can - a hin - der me.

Ride on, King Je - sus, ride on, no man can - a hin - der me.

2. Fine
hin - der me. 1. King Je - sus rides a milk - white horse,
2. I know that my re - deem - er lives,

no man works like Him, De riv - er Jor - d'n He did cross,
no man works like Him, And of His bless - ing free - ly gives,

no man works like Him. Oh
no man works like Him. Oh

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke *(refer to handout)*

Please be seated for the Passion Gospel. At the mention of Golgotha, please stand.

The congregation will read the part of the crowd.

The Sermon

The Reverend Ed Steever

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Prayers of the People

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Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Father, we pray for your holy catholic¹ Church;

That we all may be one.

Leader

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Comfort and heal all those that suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Deacon

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus 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.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

¹universal; all embracing

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.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory

Adagio

Antonio Vivaldi

Presentation Hymn

O sacred head, sore wounded (verses 1-3)

Hymnal 168

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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, 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 or kneel as you prefer.

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 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.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel or beside the vigil candle rack to pray with you. 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.



Latin text with English translation

Ave verum corpus,
 Natum de Maria virgine;
 Vere passum immolatum
 In crucis pro homine.
 Cuius latus perforatum
 Unda fluxit et sanguine.
 Esto nobis praegustatum
 In mortis examine.

Hail, true body,
 Born of the virgin mary;
 Who has truly suffered, slaughtered
 On the Cross for humanity.
 Whose side was pierced,
 Pouring out water and blood.
 Be a foretaste for us
 During our ordeal of death.

*Motet on The Third Tune by Thomas Tallis**James Hebdon Schaffner***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.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.
Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak.
Help the afflicted. Honor all people.
Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Hymnal 158

Remain standing or kneeling.

Once the candles are extinguished, the ministers leave in silence followed by the congregation.

Please take your Holy Week flier with you and join us for as many Holy Week services as you can.

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Many thanks to Plant Warehouse, Somis for donating the beautiful palms.



About Palm Crosses

Members of our congregations gathered yesterday to participate in the ancient practice of Palm Cross Making. The crosses presented to you this morning were made lovingly and prayerfully. They have been blessed and set apart as holy. Please treat them with the respect and reverence reserved for holy things. Many people keep their palm cross all year long as a reminder of the love that Jesus' has for us and of the sacrifice he made for us all. Palm crosses may be returned to the church next year in advance of Ash Wednesday. They are burned and help to make up the ashes we use that day. If you need to dispose of blessed palms or palm crosses, please put them in the garden or bury them in the ground. We prefer that holy things not be put in the trash. Thank you!

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.
- 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.

Serving This Week

Acolytes	Charlotte & Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian
Chalice	Drew Darby, Kay Armstrong
Psalm	Drew Darby
Lay Readers	Roger Crow
Prayers of the People	Maggie Kennedy
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Eucharistic Prayer Ministry	Ruth McCool
Pastoral Care Team	Kathleen Crookston & Pam Owens
Ushers	Tamara Nerdrum, Woody Bretz
Vestry Greeter	Rose Hayden-Smith
Welcome Ministry	Marcia Semple, Rob Butler
Sunday School Leaders	Valerie Ortiz, Heidi Trevisan
Hospitality	Susan Talmadge, David & RoseAnn Hill, Janalee Young
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews
Counters	Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson
Facility Lock Up	Larry Myers

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's
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Today 4/14	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Procession to VCMC
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 4/15	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 4/16	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room/Kahler Hall)
Wed. 4/17	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. 4/18	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
	9:00pm	Vigil at the Altar of Repose (until noon Friday)
Fri. 4/19	12:00am	Vigil at the Altar of Repose (until noon)
	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	12:00pm	Good Friday Service
	3:00 pm	Bell Rings/Church Closes
	7:00 pm	Experiential Stations of the Cross
Sat. 4/20	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter
Sun. 4/21	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:00 am	Sharing of Easter Breads
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Sharing of Easter Breads
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 14, 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:

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + 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 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: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaaso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

IN MEMORIUM

Joanne Cohen
Jim Carley

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-Esther McClain
10:15 am Susan Talmadge, David & RoseAnn Hill, Janalee Young
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00 Esther McClain)
10:15 Ralph & Kay Armstrong, Ruth McCool, Bert & Ernie Fickerson
Please bring your plated Easter Breads to share! Place them on the table in Kahler Hall and don't forget to pick up your plate when you go. Thank you!)
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 We've got cantors, yes we do! We've got cantors because of you! Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's Music Scholarship-Internship program. Come hear about how this innovative program has been supporting music at St. Paul's and musicians in the community for the past two years during fellowship hour next **Sunday, April 28**



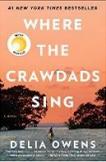
FAIR TRADE SALES, Today After Sunday services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at joannewakelee@yahoo.com



MONDAY, April 15 FAMILY TO FAMILY-Come serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Elena is our volunteer coordinator. Preparation and set up begin at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.



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. For more information, see episcopalclimatenews.com.



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!**



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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."

Preparing for Holy Week and Easter

Here are some ways you can help:



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!



SATURDAY, April 20 at 9am—FLOWER ARRANGING & DECORATING

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!



EASTER SUNDAY—SHARING OF 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. **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!



EASTER SUNDAY - FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS—Another St. 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!

Want to Help
in Holy Week?

SIGN-UP



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.

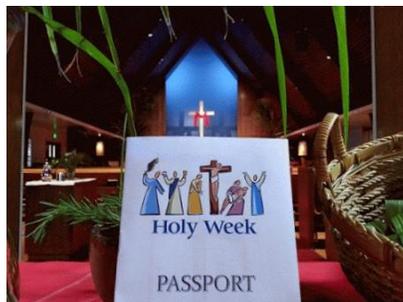
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Help us Keep the Watch – one hour shifts available through the night and until the noon service on Good Friday

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>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! 7:30 pm: Service 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 of the entire year. Bring a friend and join us!</p>
	<p>EASTER SUNDAY—April 21</p> <p>8 a.m. Traditional Language Eucharist with Choir and Brass</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist with Choir and Brass and ASL Interpreter</p>