



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Epiphany January 7, 2018 8 a.m.

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### *Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

*Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.*

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## Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

### **Prelude**

*Two movements from Sonata No. 1 from Six Sonatas for Cello*

*Benedetto Marcello*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell*

### **Entrance Hymn**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

**Hymnal 7**

### **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 men.

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, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; 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 60:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## Epiphany Skit Presentation

*The Epiphany skit, THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACCORDING TO THE FOUR EVANGELISTS, takes the place of the Sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

*All stand and say together.*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 326*

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 328*

*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 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.

*(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 *GiGi Denniston, Richard Kay Smith 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*

### **Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

### **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

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

## *Liturgy of the Table*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory**                      *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*                      *arr. Anthony Giamanco*

**Presentation Hymn**              **From all that dwell below the skies (v.3)**                      **Hymnal 380**  
*Please stand.*

**Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)**                      *Book of Common Prayer p. 333*

**The Lord's Prayer**                      *Book of Common Prayer p. 336*

**Breaking of the Bread**                      *Book of Common Prayer p. 337*  
*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. 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 Lamb's will that those who want him should meet him here.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.*

Communion Music                      *Kneel With the Shepherds*      *words by Herb Frombach, music by Patti Drennen*

**Post Communion Prayer**                      *Book of Common Prayer p. 339*  
*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

### **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn***Please stand.***As with gladness****Hymnal 119****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***Allegro from Sinfonia for Trombone and Keyboard*

G.B. Pergolesi

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*Thank you to the Reverend Anthony Guillén, celebrant, and guest musician, Charlie Lill, trombone.***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**<sup>1</sup> *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David CatronPsalm: *The Saint Helena Breviary*, Church Publishing, 2006**Today at St. Paul's, Ventura**

You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments in Kahler Hall following the service

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*Check out next Sunday's readings at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)***1/7 Serving This Week****8:00am****Acolyte**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Chalice**

Lori Burke, Jo Ellen Heil

**Psalm**

Lori Burke

**Lay Reader**

Tom &amp; Judy Drew

**Prayers of the People**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Ushers**

Roger Myers

**Vestry Greeter**

Peter Bowers

**Hospitality**

Bill Brewer

**Altar Guild**

Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Kathy Loest, Susan Talmadge

**Flower Guild**

Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz, Josephine Barnaby

**Facility Lock Up**

Larry Myers

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 7, 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, Scott, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Tom, Maggie, Duncan, Janet, Shelia, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Doug, Carol, Marguerite, Kathy

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

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy

*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 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:*** GiGi Denniston, Richard Kay Smith



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

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

<b>Today</b> <b>01/07</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b> <b>01/08</b>	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	5:30 pm	1st Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>01/09</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Youth Room)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>01/10</b>		NO Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel)
		No Bible Study
	11:30 pm	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>01/11</b>	8:30 am	Buildings & Grounds Committee (Youth Room)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>01/12</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat</b> <b>01/13</b>	2:00 pm	Gigi Denniston Memorial Service & Reception (Church, Kahler Hall)
	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 -

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## Announcements



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

8:00 Bill Brewer

10:15 Carmela Carreño

Today's Vestry Greeter is Peter Bowers.

*Please come say hello.*

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

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



**THIS SUNDAY:** Thank you to today's musician Charlie Lill on trombone and cantor Nicole Benson.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Come and enjoy the beautiful organ and piano music and celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

### **Today – EPIPHANY SKITURGY**

#### **THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACCORDING TO THE FOUR EVANGELISTS**



This skit will make the Christmas story come alive again, but with a twist—each evangelist (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) tells his version of the story, adding his unique “take” on events to the mix. Through their joint efforts (and sometimes humorous disagreements), the evangelists address the big questions of the season in a light-hearted way that gives the viewers a crash course in Biblical literacy.

Thank you to all who participated!



### **LAUNDRY LOVE – SPECIAL DATES ADDED FOR THOMAS FIRE SUPPORT**

Volunteers are needed to serve the guests. Just bring your welcoming, sympathetic ear and assist in handling the money and supplies. Pick up a flyer in the narthex (lobby) or in Kahler Hall with dates and times. This is a simple ministry that has a big impact on those in need and those who minister. Check it out!



### **FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA & CHOCOLATE:**

Will be sold after both services on January 14. Time to stock up for the new year!

## Opportunities



**DIOCESAN FIRE 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. Donations may be made online at [www.EDLAFireHelp.org](http://www.EDLAFireHelp.org); or by checks made payable to the Diocese of Los Angeles ("Fire Relief Fund" in the memo line) and sent to the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles 90026.



Episcopal  
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Healing a hurting world

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT (ERD)** is also receiving donations for relief work in the fire area. Make contributions online at: [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://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 Relief" in the memo line of your check or Paypal transaction to St. Paul's and it will be used specifically for those impacted.



**COATS FOR ALL** Thank you for your many donations! They were distributed throughout the month and appreciated by those who lost their belongings in the Thomas Fire. Many thanks to RoseAnn Hill for organizing the drive and getting the coats into the hands of those in need.

### SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, **January 28** Annual Meeting @ 11:30 Kahler Hall  
Wednesday, **February 14** Ash Wednesday  
Sunday, **March 25** Palm Sunday  
Sunday, **April 1** Easter Sunday