



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Year C**

**January 13, 2019 8 a.m.**

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*Today's flowers are given by Eunice Koch in thanksgiving for her granddaughter, Natalie Rubin's birthday.*

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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**

*To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord*

*Martin Luther/Johann Walther*

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

### **Entrance Hymn      On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

**Hymnal 76**

### **Opening Salutation**

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*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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

## **Psalm 29**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.*

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

## Sermon

The Reverend Ed Steever

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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*Please stand as you are able.*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and promised to serve God faithfully in this holy catholic Church.

*Celebrant*      Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*People*        **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*      May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*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.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Sprinkling with holy water. If you prefer not to get sprinkled, please move to the outer aisle as we go by.*

## 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 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; Gavin, 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, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Barbara, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, and Tom.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel, 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 recent violence or recovering from fires and floods.

*(See page 9 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 Rob Weid 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**

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### **Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## **Announcements**

**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**

*I Hear Thy Welcome Voice*

*Gerald Peterson*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**From all that dwell below the skies**

**Hymnal 380**

*Please stand.*

### **Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)**

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### **Breaking of the Bread**

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*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**

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## Invitation

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 Lord'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 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.*

## Communion Music

*Shall We Gather at the River  
Peace Descends*

*arr. Patrick Lou Harris  
Lani Smith*

## Post Communion Prayer

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*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

## 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

**Come, Gracious Spirit**

**Hymnal 512**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Dismissal

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Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*I've Just Come from the Fountain*

*Gerald Peterson*

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## Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

<sup>1</sup> *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.

## Today at St. Paul's, Ventura

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

## ***Serving This Week 1/13/19***

<b>Acolytes</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers
<b>Psalm</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Pauli Powers
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Peter Bowers
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Patti Widdows
<b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>	Dela Parker, Bill Brewer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Grace & Rosie Dunlevy, Anna & Pippa Darby, Laura Andrews
<b>Counters</b>	Louise Bretz
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Greg McCombs

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

<b>Today 1/13</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:00 am	Dr. Jones' Update on Jamaica, Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation, Dr. Jones' Update on Jamaica, Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Special Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
<b>Mon. 1/14</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues. 1/15</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed. 1/16</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Thurs. 1/17</b>	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch (New Location To Be Determined)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri. 1/18</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat. 1/19</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun. 1/20</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)



## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 13, 2019***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan  
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson  
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrews*, Ojai; *All Saints*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Barbara, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom

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

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel, Kim

### ***IN MEMORIUM***

Rob Weid

*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.*



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

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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-, Dela Parker, Bill Brewer  
10:15 am-Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday,  
Greg & Karyn Jackson  
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am-Liz & Ian McEwan  
10:15 am-Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Woody & Louise Bretz,  
Marilyn & Paul Angelo)  
*If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

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

<p><b>MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</b></p> 	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> As Isaiah talks about how each receives different gifts for the common good, the choir sings <i>Gifts of the Spirit: Love, Joy, and Peace</i> by Greene and Lovelace and everyone is invited to sing a St. Paul's favorite, <i>Surley the presence</i>.</p>
	<p><b>TODAY</b> – After each service 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.</p> <p>Thank you for helping to abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery.</p>
	<p><b>TODAY</b> –Arrive in Kahler Hall after each service to hear Dr. Steve Jones' presentation on the successful Jamaica Medical Mission Trip. See what your generous donations accomplished!</p>
	<p><b>LADIES LUNCH BUNCH—Thursday, January 17 11am</b> All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch. Please check with the office for our new location. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, January 13.</p>
	<p><b>PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE</b> Pick up your 2019 weekly or monthly pledge envelopes in the narthex (lobby). If you can't find them, please contact the office.</p>
	<p><b>UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES</b> April 20, Easter Vigil June 9, Pentecost</p>



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Friday Mornings at 9:15**

## Why have an Annual Meeting?

## Who needs to attend?

## What happens at the Annual Meeting?

## Please Join Us

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

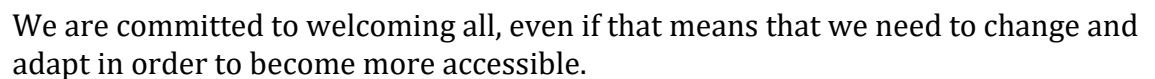
## 11:30 a.m. in Kahler Hall

*Please mark it on your calendar  
and arrange to be with us.*

***Thank you!***

## St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!



A portion of each of our services is presented in ASL (American Sign Language). As we learn more, more signing will be included.

Classes in ASL are offered at St. Paul's. Please contact us for upcoming opportunities. Past classes have included: Introduction to ASL (fingerspelling, vocabulary and deaf culture), Song Signing for Children, Song Signing Christmas Hymns, and Signing the Lord's Prayer.

A current feature of our weekly announcements includes the “ASL Minute” – an opportunity to learn a few signs. Please let us know if there are specific signs you’d like to learn.

*This sign means,*

*"I love you."*