



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Year C

January 6, 2019 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

Judean Pastorale

Franklin Ashdown

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

Entrance Hymn

As with gladness men of old

Hymnal 119

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 cry 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

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Lord.**

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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All stand as they are able 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. ¹

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; and Gavin our Governor-elect*, 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.

(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 Wied* 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

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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, 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

Guitar Solo on *We Three Kings*
Reid Edwards, Guitar

Presentation Hymn

The First Nowell (V. 1-3)

Hymnal 109

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.

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 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

Go Tell It On the Mountain

arr. Gordon King

Post Communion Prayer

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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.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal 616

Dismissal

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Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Marsch der Heiligen drei Könige

arr. Wayne Leupold

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¹*A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron
Psalm: *The Saint Helena Breviary*, Church Publishing, 2006

Serving This Week 1/6/19

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke
Psalm	Lori Burke
Lay Readers	Tom Drew, Judy Drew
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Ushers	To Be Determined
Hospitality Sponsors	Eunice Koch
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden Smith, Rob Butler
Flower Guild	Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow
Counters	Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Woody Bretz

Did you know...

The Feast of the Epiphany, which is a fixed date (always January 6, 12 days after Christmas) is the traditional day for proclaiming the date of Easter for the coming year? This dates from the time when calendars were not readily available and it was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. So, with that in mind, make note of the following dates for 2019!

Ash Wednesday, March 6
Palm Sunday, April 14
Easter Sunday, April 21

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 1/6	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service & Epiphany Pageant
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	DOK Epiphany Meeting (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 1/7	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 1/8	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 1/9	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)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 1/10	8:30 am	Building and Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 1/11	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 1/12	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 1/13	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 (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Dr. Jones' Update on Jamaica, Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Special Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 6, 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 Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts

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 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: *Hillsides the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA; Holy Family Services, Ventura County*
- + 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.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

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

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

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

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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-**Eunice Koch**,
10:15 am-**Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton, Laura & Teddy Andrews**
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am-Dela Parker, Bill Brewer
10:15 am-Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday, Greg & Karyn Jackson)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

<p>MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</p> 	<p>TODAY: Many thanks to guest musician Reid Edwards on Guitar. NEXT SUNDAY: We look forward to hearing <i>Gifts of the Spirit: Love, Joy, and Peace</i> for our Offertory Anthem.</p>
	<p>EPIPHANY PAGEANT Thank you to all who participated and helped us learn <i>How the Magi Truly Became Wise!</i></p>
	<p>DAUGHTERS OF THE KING EPIPHANY MEETING--TODAY All members of the Daughters of the King are invited to the annual potluck to celebrate Epiphany. Don't miss the reading of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Meet at noon in the Community Room next to the hall kitchen.</p>
	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH The December selection is <i>French Exit</i> by Patrick deWitt. In this comedy, Frances, “a moneyed, striking woman of 65 years” flees Manhattan for Paris after using up all of her cash. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King.</i> The January selection, to be discussed in February, is <u><i>Becoming</i></u> by Michelle Obama.</p>
	<p>FAIR TRADE SALES - SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH 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. Thank you for helping to abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery.</p>

	<p>MEDICAL MISSION UPDATE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH Arrive in Kahler Hall after each Sunday service to hear Dr. Steve Jones' presentation on the successful Jamaica Medical Mission Trip. See what your generous donations accomplished!</p>
	<p>LADIES LUNCH BUNCH—THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Marie Callender's. 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>REACH Thank you to everyone and especially La Famiglia Preschool for donating to the December Sock Drive. Your donations are gratefully received by the guests of our Sack Lunch Program. Thank you!</p>
	<p>PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE 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>UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES January 13, Baptism of Our Lord April 20, Easter Vigil June 9, Pentecost</p>

Annual Meeting



Please Join Us
 Sunday, January 27, 2019
 11:30 a.m. in Kahler Hall

Why have an Annual Meeting?
 To conduct the business of the church.

Who needs to attend?
 All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a quorum.

What happens at the Annual Meeting?
 We vote for new Vestry members and elect our delegates to Diocesan Convention. We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church and review our finances and the budget for the coming year.

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