



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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.

Holy Eucharist *A Penitential Order for Lent*

Prelude

I Call to Thee

Dietrich Buxtehude

Silent Procession

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

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

The Decalogue

BCP p. 317

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Sentences of Scripture

BCP p. 319

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.

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession

BCP p. 330

Stand or kneel as you prefer.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

BCP p. 321

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 43:16-21

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 12:1-8

Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

BCP 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.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, Liz 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, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Joanne, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel*, 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 *Julia Cohen 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.**

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

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.

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory *Offertory* *Emma Lou Diemer*

Presentation Hymn **Let thy Blood in mercy poured** **Hymnal 313**
Please stand.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I) BCP p. 333

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 337
A period of silence is kept.

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.

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 *Adoro te Devote* *arr. David N. Johnson*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 339
Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Please stand as you are able.

Go ye now in peace and
know that the love of God will guide you. Feel His pres - ence
here be - side you show - ing you the way. In your time of
trou - ble when hurt and des - pair are there to grieve you,
know that the Lord will nev - er leave you. He will bring you
cour - age. Know that the God who gave him - self to
die that you might live will nev - er leave you lost and a - lone in
His be - lov - ed world. Go ye now in peace

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Silent Recession

Please stand as you are able and face the cross.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers
Psalm	Jo Ellen Heil
Lay Readers	Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke
Prayers of the People	Peter Bowers
Cantor	Natalie Epelone
Ushers	Lori Burke, Ian McEwan
Hospitality Sponsors	Eunice Koch
Altar Guild	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul
Counters	Barbara Jakovich, Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Greg McCombs

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 4/7	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 4/8	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 4/9	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	1:30 pm	Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room/Kahler Hall)
Wed. 4/10	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. 4/11	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 4/12	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Evening Lenten Study with Soup Supper (Kahler Hall)
Sat. 4/13	9:00 am	Palm Cross Workshop & Decorating (Community Room)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 4/14	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Procession to VCMC
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 7, 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:

- + 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 Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *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*

IN MEMORIUM

Julia Cohen

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-Eunice Koch
10:15 am Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Esther McClain
10:15 am-Ralph & Kay Armstrong, David & RoseAnn Hill, Janalee Young)
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 Thank you to guitar players Reid Edwards and Guy Wirsig for playing this morning at the 10:15 service.



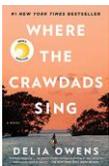
ASL SIGNING CHOIR—TODAY We will learn Song-Signing and offer artistic renditions of some of our service music in the beautifully expressive visual language of ASL. Meet us in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:15 service at 11:40am. No experience necessary. We'd love to have you join us!



FAIR TRADE SALES, April 14 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



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.



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!**



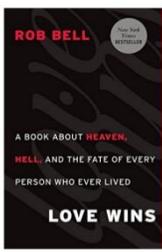
REACH! in April—Reaching out to the world in the name of Christ

Please help us to reach out by inviting some friends to join us for Easter services. Beautiful invitations are available in the narthex (church lobby).

Thanks for your help!

	<p>EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: Would you like to make a donation in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one? We are now collecting for Flowers and Music that will help to make our Easter services truly glorious. Place your donation in the envelopes provided in your pew and place it in the offering plate. You may also donate online via our website www.saintpaulsventura.org. Click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note “Easter Flowers & Music” and the inscription for the bulletin.</p>
	<p>YOU CAN SUPPORT ST. PAUL’S AS YOU SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE!—Sign up at Amazon Smile and designate St. Paul’s as your charity. We will earn .5% of everything you spend! Go to smile.amazon.com and when you are asked to pick a charity search for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Ventura. Then, every time you shop at Amazon start at smile.amazon.com. It’s that easy!</p>
	<p>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.”</p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="397 756 885 945">  <p>Evangelism Sharing the Good News has never been so easy!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="925 745 1510 955"> <p>When you arrive at St. Paul’s Ventura, make sure you go to Facebook on your phone and check in!</p> <p>Let your friends know where you are and invite them to join you!</p> </div> </div>

Keeping a Holy Lent

	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYING THE ROSARY – SUNDAY MORNINGS Join us Sunday Mornings, 3/31 & 4/7, at 9:45 in the Community Room as we pray the Anglican rosary together.</p>
<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column;">   </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">LENTEN STUDY – FRIDAY EVENINGS <i>March 8 – April 12</i> 6-7PM SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK STUDY IN KAHLER HALL 7-7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY</p> <p>As we enjoy our supper, Rev. Liz will lead us in a discussion about Rob Bell’s book <i>Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived.</i> (Available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 12 - We’ll be discussing chapters 7 & 8</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS After dinner, you’re invited to join us as we walk the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. It’s a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.</p>

Preparing for Holy Week and Easter

Here are some ways you can help:

	<p>SATURDAY, April 13 – IT’S ALL ABOUT THE PALMS!</p> <p>PALM CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP: 9am in the Community Room Come and learn this ancient art as we prepare the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. No prior experience is necessary, and we could really use your help. Thanks!</p> <p>PALM DECORATING: 9am in the Sanctuary Come help us decorate and create a beautiful palm arch as we prepare the church for Palm Sunday. Lots of hands make light work!</p>
	<p>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!</p>
	<p>SATURDAY, April 20 at 9am - FLOWER ARRANGING & DECORATING</p> <p>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!</p>
	<p>EASTER SUNDAY—SHARING OF EASTER BREADS: A Saint 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!</p>
	<p>EASTER SUNDAY - FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS—Another Saint 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!</p>
<p>Want to Help in Holy Week?</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>4/18-4/19 Help us Keep the Watch – one hour shifts available through the night and until the noon service on Good Friday</p>

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>PALM SUNDAY – April 14: Join us as we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and begin our journey through Holy Week.</p> <p>8:00 am: Procession of the Palms with Holy Eucharist.</p> <p>9:30 am: We will gather in Kahler Hall then Process to Ventura County Medical Center to offer prayers and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them.</p> <p>10:15 am: Procession of the Palms, Reading of The Passion and Holy Eucharist. (This service will begin around the fountain outside Kahler Hall.)</p>
	<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!</p> <p>7:30 pm: Service</p> <p>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>

2019 Holy Week Services

Saturday, – April 13 Palm Cross Making

9 a.m. Come learn this ancient art and help prepare for Palm Sunday.
No experience necessary.

April 14 - Palm Sunday

8 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Procession to Ventura County Medical Center - *to offer prayers
and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them*
10:15 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist

April 17 - Holy Wednesday

9 a.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar
9 p.m. Vigil at the Altar of Repose - Stay and keep watch for an hour
(Continues in shifts until Noon on Good Friday)

April 19 - Good Friday

6:00-7:00 a.m. Walk the Labyrinth by Candlelight at dawn
12:00 noon Traditional Good Friday Service
3:00 p.m. Bell Rings and Church Closes
7:00 p.m. Experience the Stations of the Cross

Easter Services

Saturday, April 20, 2019

8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
*Join us as we kindle the new flame and retell the stories of
our ancestors in the faith by candlelight. We will then renew our baptismal vows
and proclaim the coming of Easter in a glorious celebration.*

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8 a.m. Traditional Language Eucharist with Choir and Brass
10:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist with Choir and Brass