



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Year B

May 20, 2018 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

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Setting by Wilbur Held

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Entrance Hymn

Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal 225

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

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.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works; *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all creation.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand.

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 catholic¹ Church.

¹ universal, all embracing

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.

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.**

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.²

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; 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, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Sheila, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy, Lee, Bruce, Brenda, and Stacie.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Rachel, Kathy, Doug, 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 10 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 Fritz Huntsinger, Doris Nicholas, Lucille Paine 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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.

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Offertory

Pentecost Meditation on Beata Nobis Gaudia

Presentation Hymn

The Doxology (v. 1-3)

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.

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

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

arr. David Hegarty

Post Communion Prayer

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Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Blessing

May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous or anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak through them
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire
And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you
this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn
Please stand.

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymnal 512

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "Old 100th"

J. Pachelbel

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2 A Prayer for Tolerance Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron

Check out next Sunday's readings at www.lectionarypage.net



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Today at St. Paul's, Ventura

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

Ministers of the Liturgy

8:00am

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil
Psalm	Peter Bowers
Lay Readers	Liz McEwan, Pauli Powers
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Ushers	Roger Myers, Sally Weimer
Hospitality	Della Parker, Bill Brewer
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Louise Bretz
Flower Guild	Valarie Ortiz, Heidi Trevisan
Counters	Karyn Jackson, Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Miles Sexton

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
05/20	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:45 am	Pentecost Picnic
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Monday	9:30 am	Family to Family
05/21	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Tues.	6:30 pm	Scout Troop (Kahler Hall/Youth Room)
05/22		
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Wed.	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
05/23	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
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Thurs.	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
05/24		
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Fri.	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
05/25	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
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Sat	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
05/26		

Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 20, 2018

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
Jon Bruno, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Bruce, Bishop Suffragan
John Taylor, Bishop Coadjutor-elect

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Doug Edwards,
Dick Swanson

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Sheila, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy, Stacie, Bruce, Lee, Brenda

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

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:

- + The ministry of family to Family; all who volunteer and/give financially to feed Ventura's hungry.
- + Guests in the Safe Sleep Program.
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.
- + For all who work, educate others and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

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 Wiauso: The Cathedral Church of the Ascension; the Diocese of Jerusalem and Diocese of El Salvador
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIUM: Fritz Huntsinger, Doris Nicholas, Lucille Paine

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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 Dela Parker & Bill Brewer
10:15 Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly, Greg & Karyn Jackson, Men's Group
and all who brought side dishes. Thank you!!

Please join us again next week as we celebrate Trinity Sunday!



Pentecost BBQ

Today @ 11:45am

Come Celebrate the Birthday of the Church and
129 Years of Mission and Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura

All are invited to the party!

BBQ – Children's Games

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



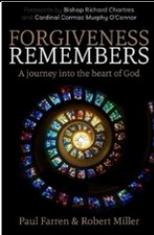
MAY 27: MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION

As the 2018 music and choir program year comes to an end and the choir takes a break for the summer, we would like to thank and recognize everyone involved in providing the wonderful music for your church services and programs.

Join us during Fellowship after the 10:15 service on the 27th to learn about sustaining the **St. Paul's Music Scholarship-Internship Program.**

Have you enjoyed our cantors? Our growing choir? Our contemporary music? Our soloists? All these have been supported by the Music Scholarship-Internship Program.

This unique program brings talented young musicians to the Music Ministry while supporting their vocal training with work experience and a monthly stipend to be used for their music education. Donations may be made at any time to St. Paul's in person, by mail or online. Note Music Scholarship.

	<p>MONDAY, MAY 21: FAMILY TO FAMILY Come serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Paula is our volunteer coordinator. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p>
	<p>SUNDAY, MAY 27 – FAIR TRADE SALES The next Fair Trade Sale of coffees, teas and chocolates will be May 27 after both services.</p>
	<p>JUNE 4 - 1ST MONDAY BOOK CLUB: May's Selection Forgiveness Remembers: A Journey into the Heart of God by Paul Farren, Robert Miller written by a Catholic priest and an Anglican cathedral dean, neighbors, in Derry, Ireland. This book shows how God's grace can break this cycle and instead catch us in a spiral of hope that leads to the freedom and compassion of God. The 1st Monday Book Club meets on June 4 @ 5:30pm at Panera Bread, 4910 Telephone Rd., Ventura. All are welcome. <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King. Contact Paula Robertson with questions.</i></p>
	<p>GRADUATION CELEBRATION & ICE CREAM SOCIAL: At our services on June 10, we will offer a special blessing for anyone graduating from preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, college and beyond or perhaps transitioning to retirement. Let us know in advance, if you can, so we can prepare a card with the printed blessing as a keepsake. We look forward to seeing the graduates, but can offer blessings even for those who cannot be present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join us for an Ice Cream Social after the service. Congratulations!</p>



June 24 Summer Programs Begin

10:15 am **Summer Services** will be powerful, uplifting and run only about one hour. Join us for interesting lessons, moving sermons and great fellowship with friends old and new. We are so blessed to live here! Come to church and still have time to hit the beach and catch some waves!

Summer Sunday School Program
June 24 – August 26

Building Our Faith

ONE BRICK AT A TIME

It's fun! It's free!
It's a great way to build our faith!

Sunday Mornings This Summer
10 – 11:30 a.m. in Kahler Hall



You're invited to bring your friends.
All are welcome!

Each class will help children to:

- recite a Bible verse from memory
- share a Bible story that is foundational to our faith
- understand that through the love of God we were created,
- and with the love of God we are sent forth to serve the world

They will also have had:

- great fun while building Legos and sharing their faith
 - the opportunity to build great relationships
- the experience of learning about the church and the life of
 - Christ in a fun and engaging way

For further information, contact us at (805) 643-5033 office@saintpaulsventura.org