



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

## The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Year B

May 27, 2018 8 a.m.



Online Bulletin

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*Today's flowers are given by the Huntsinger family in memory of Fritz Huntsinger.*

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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**

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

*arr. Donald Busarow*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell*

**Entrance Hymn**

**Holy, holy, holy!**

**Hymnal 362**

**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.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord  
**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

Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from a Letter to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

## Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

*Please stand.*

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 and together say*

## 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 presiding bishop, Michael; 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, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Jamie, 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.**

## Recognition of Music Ministry

This morning we recognize and offer our thanks to everyone who serves in the Music Ministry at St. Paul's. Music Ministry leaders, choir members, cantors and instrumentalists enrich our worship services on Sundays and other special occasions.

*Leader* I present to you these ministers who have shown their dedication as Music Ministers for this church.

*Ministers* Christ Jesus, you go before us and behind us, you are our inspiration and our light. Thank you for surrounding us with your compassion and your love. Guide us in this important ministry and bless us so that we may continue to bless others in your name.

*People* **Holy and gracious God, bless your hands, your feet, your hearts and your voices as you seek to serve the world in the name of Christ.**

*Celebrant* And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. 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.**

## Collect for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people share the benefits of true freedom. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *Liturgy of the Table*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*BCP p. 376*

<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	<i>Come Down, Oh Love Divine</i>	<i>arr. Wilbur Held</i>
<b>Presentation Hymn</b> <i>Please stand.</i>	<b>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</b>	<b>Hymnal 390</b>
<b>Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)</b>		BCP p. 333
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		BCP p. 336

## Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 337

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the 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.*

### Communion Music

*Praise to the Triune God*

*arr. Larry Shackley*

### Post Communion Prayer

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*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

### Blessing

Go forth and be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who sits at the right hand of God in glory, and who sends the Holy Spirit to empower us for service in his name. May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forever more. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn

**Holy Father, great creator**

**Hymnal 368**

*Please stand.*

### 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

*Nicea*

*arr. Allan Mahnke*

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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

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Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



### St. Paul's GO

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

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### *Serving This Week*

**Acolytes**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Chalice**

Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke

**Psalm**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Lay Readers**

Tom Drew, Judy Drew

**Prayers of the People**

Lori Burke

**Ushers**

Jim & Dela Parker

**Hospitality**

Ellen Morgan

**Altar Guild**

Dela Parker, Rose Hayden-Smith, Vicki Paul

**Flower Guild**

Renee Bower, Carmela Carreno, Rose Hayden-Smith

**Counters**

Louise Bretz

**Facility Lock Up**

Greg Jackson

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

|                              |          |                                                       |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b><br><b>5/27</b>  | 8:00 am  | Rite I Sunday Service                                 |
|                              | 9:30 am  | Choir Rehearsal                                       |
|                              | 10:30 am | Rite II Service                                       |
|                              | 11:30 am | Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                              | 11:30 am | Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)                |
|                              | 4:30 pm  | Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)      |
|                              | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Youth Room)                               |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>5/28</b> | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)                     |
|                              | 1:00 pm  | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                              | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)                              |
| <b>Tues.</b><br><b>5/29</b>  | 6:30 pm  | Scout Troup (Kahler Hall/Youth Room)                  |
| <b>Wed.</b><br><b>5/30</b>   | 9:00 am  | Healing Service (Chapel)                              |
|                              | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Library)                                 |
|                              | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)                     |
|                              | 1:00 pm  | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                              | 5:00 pm  | The Abundant Table Cooking Class (Kitchen)            |
|                              | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Youth Room)                               |
| <b>Thurs.</b><br><b>5/31</b> |          |                                                       |
| <b>Fri.</b><br><b>6/1</b>    | 6:30 am  | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
|                              | 9:15 am  | Women's Bible Study (Library)                         |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>6/2</b>     | 6:45 pm  | AA Meeting (Youth Room)                               |

## *Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 27, 2018*

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

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

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

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, 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 Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County.
- + 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.

### *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 in the Diocese of Wiawso: Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding, FOOD Share Ventura County*

*IN MEMORIUM: Fritz Huntsinger, Doris Nicholas, Lucille Paine*

## **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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Sara Edwards, Organist-Music Director

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Hannah Alday, Director of Evangelism & Communication

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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 Ellen Morgan  
10:15 Woody & Louise Bretz, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Paul & Marilyn Angelo

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

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



#### **TODAY: 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 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. Donations may be made at any time to St. Paul's in person, by mail or online. Note Music Scholarship.



#### **TODAY – FAIR TRADE SALES**

Buy a taste of fine chocolates and coffee that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. Available after both services.



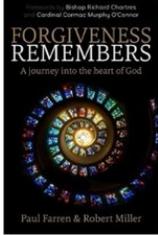
#### **EVERY SUMMER SUNDAY – HYMNS ARE HIP AND COTTAS ARE COOL!**

Want to get a taste of the choir but can't commit year round? Join us at 9:45am on any Sunday you want starting next Sunday until September. Meet in the Music Room for a brief warm-up and to familiarize yourself with the hymns for the day. We will then sing the hymns together from the back. Talk to Felix if you have questions.



#### **MAY 30 – COOKING CLASS 5PM KAHLER HALL KITCHEN**

Curious about a CSA box but unsure about cooking rutabagas? Interested in supporting local business and curious about community impact? Craving a deeper spiritual connection to the land? Come to a special cooking class held for members of St. Paul's by the Abundant Table and experience the opportunity to explore all these questions and spend time in community. Prepare to watch a MasterChef-style cooking demonstration then take home recipes for in-season produce! Please bring your own Tupperware for leftovers. RSVP to [Hannah Alday](#) with any questions. All are welcome to join!



### **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. *Sponsored by Daughters of the King. Contact Paula Robertson with questions.*



### **JUNE 10 - 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.

Join us for an Ice Cream Social after the 10:15am service. Congratulations!

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**Please consider writing us a review. It's easy!**

1. Google St. Paul's Ventura, Click "Write a Review" in info box on right hand side.
2. Share your enthusiasm and recommend the church we all love so much. Thank you!



### **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*