



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Presentation of Jesus in the Temple Candlemas

Rite II, All Years

February 2, 2020 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Whether this is your first visit, or you've 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. Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.

***Nursery and Sunday School** - We offer nursery care for children under five years from 10-noon. Sunday School begins at 10am. Youth Group, for grades 6-12, meets in Room 8. Children up to 5th grade begin in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day. Children move to their classrooms for creative programming and activities. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Young ones remain in the Nursery, children and youth return to the sanctuary in time for Eucharist.*

***Coffee Hour** - You're invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service. Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve the world in the name of Christ.*

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable. We're glad you're here.

Holy Eucharist ***Liturgy of the Word***

Prelude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Paul Tessman

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

Processional

How bright appears the Morning Star

Hymnal 497

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

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

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

Hymn of Praise

Gloria from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Glo-ria! Glo-ria! in ex - cel - sis - De - o!

Glo-ria! Glo-ria! peace to all peo - ple on the earth.

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God al-migh-ty, we wor-ship and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Je-sus! Son of God. Je-sus! Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

Je-sus! mer-cy on us, Je-sus! seat-ed at the right hand of God, re - ceive our prayer.

you are ho - ly, you are Lord, most high with the spi-rit in the glo - ry of God!

Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by 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.

A Reading from the Book of Malachi

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Hymnal 517 v. 1-2

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Reverend Susan Bek

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

Let us pray for the church and the world, saying, Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor

Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne. For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lift from all people the burdens of poverty, war and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Guide those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Strengthen us to care for the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and all who suffer. Open our hands and our hearts to embrace all who are in need especially *(The people may add their petitions either silently or aloud.)* For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We remember before you *Eunice Koch*, *(The people may add their petitions either silently or aloud.)* and all whom we love but see no more. Give them peace and eternal rest. For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant

O God, you revealed your will through prophets and sages. By your Holy Spirit, lead us in faith, inspire us in love and bring us together in peace with all people from every race, nation, tribe and language. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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All are invited to stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

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 Anthem *Psalm 84: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place* *Setting by Richard Proulx*
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.

Presentation Hymn **The great Creator of the worlds**

Hymnal 489

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

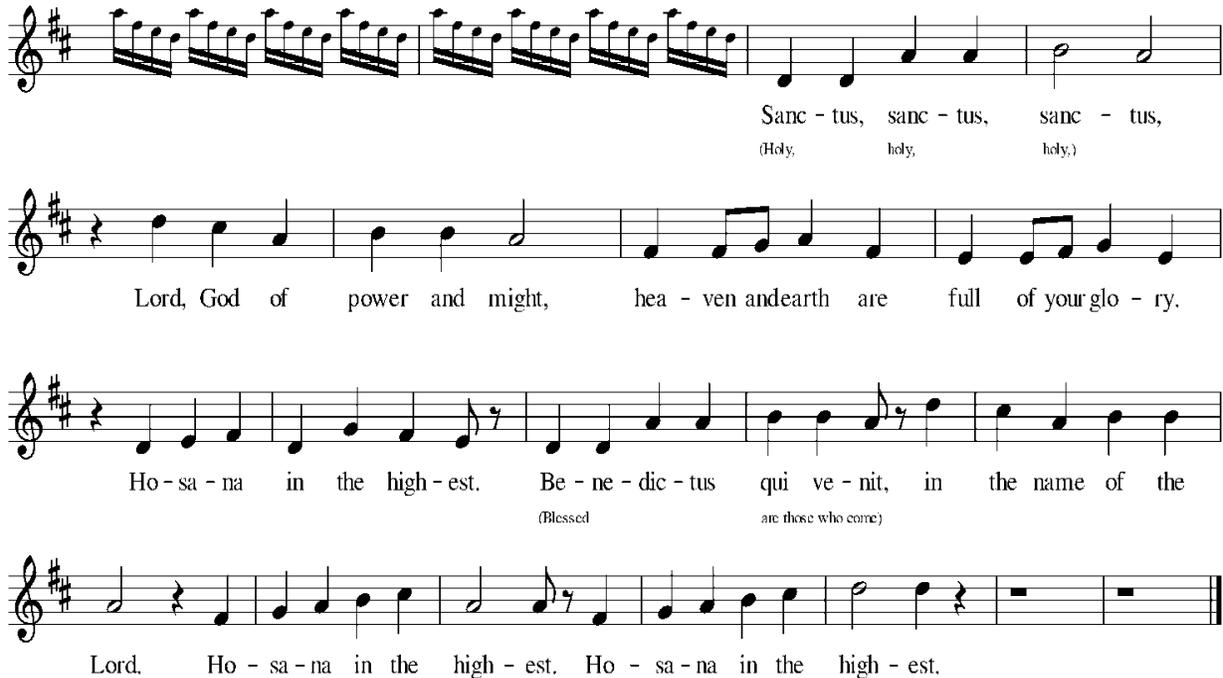
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus **Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass** **Felix Eisenhauer**



Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
(Holy, holy, holy,)

Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit, in the name of the
(Blessed are those who come)

Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lord. 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 his 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 our 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.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the postcommunion prayer.

Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

A Song of Peace

Craig Phillips

Come and fill our hearts

Taize

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
alleluia!***

Postcommunion Prayer

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Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord grant you his peace, now and forevermore. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymnal 436

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Ose Shalom

Christina Harmon

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Serving This Week
For the 10:15am Service

Acolytes	Judy Wareham, Gina Trevisan, Raghav Rajan
Chalice	Drew Darby (Server), Maggie Kennedy (LEM)
Psalm	Maggie Kennedy
Lay Readers	Bridget Nahabedian, Seryozha La Porte
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Dolen
Ushers	Shirley & Larry Myers, Steve Jones
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Ruth McCool
Pastoral Care Team	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
Counters	Barbara Jakovich and Marcia Semple
Welcome Ministers	Gene Pitman
Cantor	Reid Edwards
Hospitality	Joanne & Dan Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham
Vestry Greeter	Cheri Gonzales
Altar Guild	Ruth McCool, Pauli Powers, Kathy Helms, Roger Crow
Flower Guild	Yvonne Loest, Virginia Hernandez, Roger Crow
Facility Lock Up	Larry Myers

Thank you for all you do! We really appreciate it.

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 2/2	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Candlemas Blessing in Kahler Hall
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	11:45 am	DOK New Member Class (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 2/3	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	5:30 pm	Book Club (at Panera)
Tues. 2/4	10a – 1pm	Sack Lunch Program – Feeding our Hungry Neighbors
	10:00 am	Deanery One Clericus (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 2/5	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 2/6	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 2/7	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Weekend Begins
Sat. 2/8	8:30 am	Vestry Orientation and Annual Planning
	2:00 pm	Memorial Service for Eunice Koch
	7:00 pm	Step Up Ventura Fundraiser (Kahler Hall)
Sun. 2/9	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:45 am	Congregational Meeting about our Aging Pipe Organ
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of February 2, 2020

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

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

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

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
- + For all who serve in the military. May God guard them, guide them, and see them safely 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 Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Association, remembering especially: Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church

IN MEMORIAM

Eunice Koch

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 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 February 2, 2020

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am- Carl Helms

10:15 am- Joanne & Dan Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Kathy & Tim Helms

10:15-Virginia Hernandez, Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

The Vestry Greeter today is Cheri Gonzales - come by and say hello.



**Candlemas – The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple on Sunday 2/2
Services at 8am and 10:15am**

Special Blessing of the Candles at 10:00am in Kahler Hall

The feast of our Lord celebrated on Feb. 2, is also known as Candlemas and the Feast of the Purification. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after Jesus' birth.

Join us at 10am in Kahler Hall for a short service honoring this special day. Since it was also the occasion of the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna, Simeon's prayer of blessing, the Nunc Dimittis will be sung. Candles that will be used by the church in the coming year will be blessed and there will be a candlelight procession to the church. We invite you to join us.



FEEDING OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – We are raising funds to purchase the food we need when we take our turn once a month at the Family to Family lunch ministry. We serve about 250 lunches each third Monday of the month at a cost of approx. \$2.50/plate. In the next three weeks we hope to raise the \$4,400 needed to carry us through until Fall. *Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. We will do great things with whatever you can give.*



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ABOUT OUR AGING PIPE ORGAN

Sunday, 2/9 at 11:45am in Kahler This year we will look at the needs of our growing music ministry and evaluate what we should do about our aging pipe organ. Will we spend the considerable amount of money it will take to keep it working? Will we replace it with a new electronic organ? These are the big questions we'll discuss at the Congregational Meeting. Join us to learn about the choices, and give us your feedback.



Would you like to help feed our hungry neighbors?

SOUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER – Final Week

It's not too late. Bring a donation or visit our website or make a donation by text. However you prefer to give, we appreciate it! And we promise to do great things with whatever you can give. Thank you!



Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

A warm welcome to you! We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.

	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i> FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, February 3, 5:30-7pm at Panera <i>All are welcome! This month's selection is There There by Tommy Orange. You're invited to read along and join us. We'd love to see you there!</i></p>
	<p>You are invited to join us for a Memorial Service Honoring the Life of Eunice Koch on Saturday, February 8 at 2pm A reception will follow in Kahler Hall</p>
	<p>INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH FLOWER GUILD AND FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP Saturday, 2/22 at 9am - Join us for this fun and interesting workshop. It's free and open to anyone. No prior experience, and no commitment necessary. Bring a pair of clippers if you have them. We'll teach you how to make beautiful flower arrangements for church and home. RSVP is requested. Please contact the church office: 805 643-5033 office@saintpaulsventura.org</p>
	<p>COLLECTING PALM CROSSES – Now through Tuesday, February 25 You are welcome to return your palm crosses from last year so they can be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please add them to the basket in the narthex (lobby). We'll burn them at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thank you!</p>
	<p>SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Tuesday, February 25, 5-7pm in Kahler Hall Join us for our traditional Pancake Supper prior to the beginning to Lent. Enjoy a delicious meal, learn about the tradition of burning palm crosses to make ashes, and have a great time. The Men's Group will be cooking, so you know it'll taste great! Suggested donations: adults \$8; Seniors and children under 12 \$5; Families \$20. <i>All are welcome! See you there.</i></p>
	<p><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!</i> NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 2/23 at 11:45am Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: <i>Working Together to Make a Difference in the World</i>. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. <i>All are welcome!</i> Next month's meeting will be on Sunday, 3/22 at 9:30am. Join us for Coffee with our Clergy and you pick the topic. Bring your questions, let's talk. See you there!</p>
	<p>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE: Why? Because all are welcome here. In each 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 like it, share it. Help spread the word that St. Paul's has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thanks!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i> Thank you for your generosity! Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities and ministries. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share. Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.</p>
	<p>Tuesday, February 25 — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7pm Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday -- Ashes to Go 7 – 9am; Services 9:30am, Noon and 7pm Sunday, March 8 — Compline Service at 7pm Sunday, March 15 — Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Mondays, 3/16-4/27 Exploring Our Faith – Confirmation Class 6:30-8pm Saturday, April 4 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church at 9am Sunday, April 5 — Palm Sunday Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm Friday, April 10 Good Friday -- Labyrinth Walk at Dawn (6-8am); Good Friday Service at Noon Saturday, April 11 – The Great Vigil (First Service of Easter) at 8pm Sunday April 12— Easter Sunday Sunday, May 3 – Bishop Talton will Visit Us! 10:15am service</p>



A big “Thank You!” to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting last Sunday. We so grateful for your support and participation.

AT THE MEETING:

We Thanked Our Retiring Vestry members

Kay Armstrong, Ian McEwan, Ruth McCool, and Grace Dunlevy.

We Elected New Vestry Members

Dan Campbell, Steve Jones, Laura Kemp, and Marcia Semple

2020 Positions Were Announced

Senior Warden: Rose Hayden-Smith

Treasurer: Drew Darby

Clerk of the Vestry: Kathy Loest

We Elected Delegates to Represent us at Diocesan Convention in November

Ruth McCool, Drew Darby, Heidi Trevisan, Woody Bretz

And Alternate Delegates for Diocesan Convention (just in case)

Joanne Wakelee, Dan Campbell, Kathleen Crookston

**We updated member contact information,
heard highlights from the past year,
and received reports from all the groups and committees in the church.**

To see the Annual Report: There are copies in the narthex (lobby),
and a link will be provided in this week’s Enews

Following the meeting, the Vestry elected our new Junior Warden

Woody Bretz

**2020 promises to be a great year for St. Paul’s
thanks to all of you and all that you do!**