



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

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Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:15 a.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19, Year B

In-person and online

Welcome! Thank you for your patience and faithfulness as we continue to work our way through this global pandemic. All are welcome to join us either in-person or online at 10:15am on Sunday mornings. If you have difficulty accessing our online services, and would like assistance, please let us know. There are a variety of ways we can help. Our service airs beginning with the Preludes at 10:05am on: www.StPaulsVentura.org, [www.YouTube.com /StPaulsVentura](https://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), and www.Facebook.com/StPaulsVentura.

There are two seating options at in-person Sunday services: 1) Open seating is available without a reservation. 2) A limited number of socially distanced seats are available each week by reservation only. If you need assistance with the reservation process, please contact the church office. Everyone on campus is required to wear a mask at this time.

Check our Email Newsletter each week to keep up with the latest events, announcements and protocols. If you don't receive our newsletter, please contact us at office@saintpaulsventura.org. Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Also contact us if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.

Today's flowers were provided by the church.

If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist Liturgy of the Word

Preludes

A Morning with Eric Satie: works from his collection

Dialogue

Gilbert Martin

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

Processional

The Church's one foundation v.1-3

Hymnal 525

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and 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.

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! on-ly Son of God Je-sus! on-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: Je-sus! have mer-cy on us, Je-sus! you are 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 for the reading of scripture.

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 Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-8

The psalm for today is a portion of Psalm 116. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymnal 397

All are invited to stand as you are able and join us in singing

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

Please be seated.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

All stand as able and together say

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 catholic¹ and apostolic² 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

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving saying; O Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us. O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble, especially those affected by the pandemic. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them. O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these lands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations. O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory. O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, (add names from prayer intentions) and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age; praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All 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 and anniversaries.

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.

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Anthem

Welcome Home

Patricia Mock, arr. Brad Nix

Presentation Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal 397

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 Santus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
sanc - tus, 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 Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho -
sa - na in the high - est!

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" - Holy, holy, holy "Benedictus qui venit" - Blessed are those who come

The people stand, kneel or sit as is their custom.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

During this time of transition, we ask you to bless those not with us in person that they may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament in the form of Spiritual Communion.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, whether spiritually or actually, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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 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 the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are not present with us today.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

For in-person worshipers: 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. Cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

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

Communion Music

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam
Music: Indian Folk Melody

arr. Felix Eisenhauer

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! v.1-3

Hymnal 460

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

A Festive Tune

Gilbert Martin

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Roger Crow	Lector:	Janet Koehn
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Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 12, 2021

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

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

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Mary, Penny, Jesse, Lorraine, Jo Ellen, Joan, Marilyn, Tom, Deborah, Karen, Mike, Terri, Curtis, and all first responders on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone battling COVID-19.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Selma, Barb, Dave, Jeanice, Regina, Virginia, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + 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 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: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaaso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

IN MEMORIAM

For Rebecca Ruth King, and all those we love and see no longer.

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month but can be renewed if needed. Please contact the church office to add or extend a prayer request and to let us know how things are going.



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St. Paul's Announcements September 12, 2021

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!



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Whether you're new, visiting or have been a member for years, we're so glad you joined us today! **A warm welcome to you!**

We currently offer Sunday services online, and in person.

Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey this week.

We're always happy to hear from you!

We invite you to come back soon.

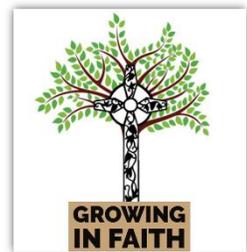


This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list!



Next Sunday: September 19th at 10:15am – Livestream and In Person!

We continue to offer services online and in person. Join us next Sunday to enjoy the beautiful music, inspiring scripture, and a meaningful sermon. Whether you attend online or in person, we look forward to worshipping with you!



Small Group Ministries Presentation – September 12th right after church

Several new Small Group Ministries are starting up soon. Our existing small groups are also ready to welcome you. **Why join a small group?** Because they offer the opportunity to make deeper connections with God and one another, help us to heal from the isolation and fear we've all experienced recently, and because they are a fun and important way to love and support each other on this journey of faith. **Join us after Sunday's service this week and check your Enews Announcements Edition for more information.**

We hope everyone will consider joining a small group so you can grow in faith and get the support and encouragement you need to get through these challenging times.



All are welcome!

First Monday Book Club - September 13 at 5:30 pm on Zoom

Our next Book Club meeting will meet on September 13 since the first Monday is Labor Day. Our book selection is 'The Personal Librarian' by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It is the story of J.P. Morgan's personal librarian who became one of the most powerful women in New York. It is crafted as historical fiction and promises to be a compelling story of the lengths one person will go to to protect family and legacy. Same link as before. *Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 7Tt0EF*



Join us for a wonderful outdoor adventure!

Family Worship and Hike – Sat. 9/18 at 8:30am

Join us for an outdoor Eucharist and informal walk around the ponds at Ventura Harbor. This is a great place to watch birds and enjoy the out of doors. On Saturday, September 18 meet at the gate of the Ventura Harbor Ecological Reserve (Settling Ponds) 1400 Angler Court at 8:30 am. There is limited street parking across from the gate, if there is no street parking on Angler, additional parking is available in the lot just past the boat repair yard on Spinnaker Drive. Bring your binoculars if you are interested in watching the many birds in this area.



Beware of Scammers:

If you ever receive a peculiar email from our clergy, be careful. It may actually be from a scammer. The message below was recently received by a member of St. Paul's. It's not really from Rev. Susan. They created a fake email that's similar to hers.

"How are you doing? Do you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am going to a meeting, no calls so just reply to my email. I will be glad if you reply to this email as soon as it gets to you. Peace and Grace"

You are always welcome to contact us through the church office. Rev. Susan's actual email is revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org Rev. Liz actual email is revliz@saintpaulsventura.org