



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:15 a.m.
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25, 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](http://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 given through the generosity of your pledge.

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 Brahms: works from his collection

Voluntary, John Alcock, Jr. (1740-1791)

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

Processional

Yes servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymnal 535

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 forever. 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

First Reading**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 126. We will read it responsively by whole verse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Gradual Hymn **Breathe on me, Breath of God**

Hymnal 508

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many

sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

The Sermon

The Rev Liz Williams

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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church of God, that it may be filled with people dedicated to love, generosity and truth;
May your light guide us and shine through us.

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations especially during this time of global pandemic; that the work they do may benefit all people.

May your light instill within them the desire to act wisely and work for peace.

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

For blessings on all human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of all you have created;
May we be the instruments through which you reach out to the world.

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially *(the People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*.

May your light bring hope and healing to all who suffer.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, especially *(the People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*.

May light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant

O God, in your infinite generosity, you have created a world filled with resources to sustain all your children. Stir the generosity within each of us so that these resources may be shared. Inspire us when we step out from this place so that we may shine as the Light of Christ to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, **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 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

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

*This is the season for our Annual Giving Campaign.
We ask your pledge to help support the mission and ministry of the church through the coming year.*



*If you've already pledged, thank you!
If you haven't, please prayerfully consider it. We need your support and are so grateful for it.
Because of you, we'll be able to continue the work of the church through our 133rd year.
Thank you!*

Offertory Anthem

Healing Waters

Trevor Thomson

Presentation Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy Name v.1-2

Hymnal 366

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

***People* And of thine own have we given thee.**

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

S129

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Bless the Lord my soul

*Words: Psalm 103; adapt. Taizé Community,
Music: Jacques Berthier W825 -*

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

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

Recessional

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath (OLD 113TH)

Hymnal 429

Please stand as you are able and face the cross.

Dismissal

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Roger Crow	Lector:	Jordan Daniels
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Lots of great things are coming up.
Please add these to your calendar.

- 10/26 Youth & Children's Ministries Bedtime Prayers and Family Meeting
- 10/31 Trunk or Treat event on the Fountain Patio for Sunday School
- 11/7 All Saints Day and Celebration Sunday - Thanking you for your pledge - *also note Daylight Savings Time change on 11/7*
- 11/13 Diocesan Saturday Service Online
- 11/21 Feast of Christ the King - the final Sunday of the church year
- 12/5 New Member Blessing
- 12/12 Celebration of Ministry as Rev. Liz Retires



Church Information Series

SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6PM ON ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81650812566>

Meeting ID: 816 5081 25664

- 11/14 Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church
- 11/21 Episcopal Worship: The Book of Common Prayer and the Bulletin
- 11/28 Ministry and Outreach: Getting involved and helping to make a difference in the world

Save the Date: 12/5 New Member Blessing in Church

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith

All are welcome!

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Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 24, 2021

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 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, Alan, Joan, Lisa, Devyn, and all first responders, those on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone affected by 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 spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 65014, La Famiglia Preschool, and VCSAGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2021 vestry members and officers are Rose Hayden-Smith (Senior Warden), Woody Bretz (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Kathy Loest (Clerk), Ted Andrews, Dan Campbell, Jordan Daniels, Grace Dunlevy, Steve Jones, Marcia Semple, Dan Wakelee, Bridget Wareham, and the Rev. Susan Bek (Rector).
- + 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: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children*, Pasadena; *Neighborhood Youth Association*, West LA.; *Holy Family Services*, Ventura County.
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM

For Charlotte Lucero, Rebecca Hernandez, Suz Montgomery, Adele Bowker 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 October 24, 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! office@saintpaulsventura.org



We need your pledge, and we are so grateful for it!

This is Week 5 of our Annual Giving Campaign

We are excited that, even during a global pandemic, St. Paul's is experiencing a time of growth and revitalization. We need to make plans for the coming year and prepare the 2022 Operating Budget, so we're asking for your pledge. We hope that every household will make a commitment to help continue the mission and ministry of St. Paul's through our 133rd year and beyond. Thank you so much for your support!



The Outreach Project for the Month of October is...

Let's REACH for Homeless Pets at the dog rescue or shelter and bless our animal friends! Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. The wish list is stapled to each bag. It includes things like canned food, pill pockets and slip leads (a kind of leash). Time to put our Faith into Action! Thanks for helping make a difference in the world.



First Monday Book Club – November 1 at 5:30 pm on Zoom

The next read for the 1st Monday Book Club is *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. The bride - The plus one - The best man - The wedding planner - The bridesmaid - The body set on an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather, and a murder mystery unfolds. It is the 2020 Goodreads choice award for best thriller. Enjoy and see you in our virtual living room on November 1st at 5:30. Same link as before. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 7Tt0EF



Want to join in the fun and support Youth & Children's Ministries?

SIGN UP TO HOST A TABLE - Sunday, October 31 at 11:45am

We're throwing a Halloween Party for the Kids and want to invite you to join in the fun. Sign up to host a table. We'll provide the table, you bring the decorations, Halloween treats and any fund games or activities. (Nothing too scary, though. Remember we have little ones too.) Thanks for your support!



UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES

11/7 All Saints Day and 1/9 Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan or Rev. Liz. We would be happy to speak with you about it and make all the arrangements!



Thank you for helping feed the hungry!

LAST MONDAY, October 18

Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve about 100 lunches. Thank you so much!



Preparing for All Soul's Day...

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the 9am service on Wednesday, November 3rd and at the All Saints Day celebration on Sunday, November 7. Would you like to add a loved one to the list of those we will remember on All Saints Day and All Souls Day? We are adding to last year's list and welcome your additions. Please submit your additions to the office no later than Wednesday, October 27.

