



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Year B

November 21, 2021 10:15 a.m.

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

Rāga Āsāvārī: An Indian Raga "Full of Hope"

Trumpet Tune --Robin Dinda

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

Processional

A mighty fortress is our God

Hymnal 688

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.

Hymn of Praise

O praise ye the Lord! V.1-2

Hymnal 432

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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.

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm for today is Psalm 93. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 The Lord is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
**the Lord has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.**
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
**and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

John 18:33-37

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Reverend Liz Williams

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

BCP p. 358

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

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.

¹ universal; all embracing ² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations; that the work they do may benefit all people.

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

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

Commissioning of the Music Ministry

Let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to the ministry of music in our church. Singing, playing instruments, and directing ensembles are ministries of Christ among us. In grateful appreciation for the gifts of these ministries, we offer our support and our prayers.

To the musicians: As leaders of music that lifts praise to God, will you joyfully and willingly offer your skills and training, devotion and sensitivity to this ministry?

I will, with God's help.

Will you honor those with whom you make music, and in faithfulness to Christ, offer your best for the glory of God?

I will, with God's help.

May the faith expressed by your music live in your heart, and what you believe in your heart, practice in your life. And may God give you grace to offer your music and your life in faithfulness and consecration, now, and in the world to come.

To the congregation: As a congregation, will you support these persons with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to call upon and praise God?

We will, with God's help. May God give us all grace to offer our music and our lives in faithful service, thanksgiving, and praise.

Let us pray,
O Lord, our God, bless these ministers of music who offer their talents in your service. Grant them love for you and for all your people. May their music inspire us to give glory to your holy name.
Amen.

The Peace

All are invite to stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

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

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*

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Offertory Anthem

Look, Oh, Look, the Sight is Glorious

*--Music: Kenneth T. Kosche,
Text: Thomas Kelly, alt.*

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

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

Hymnal 366

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S129

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

**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 comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your 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

The head that once was crowned

--Tune: St. Magnus,
arr. Quentin Thomas

Jesus, Remember Me

--Words: Luke 23:42;

adapt. Taizé Community, Music: Jacques Berthier

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.

Blessing

May God the maker bless you:
God who speaks words of freedom and justice,
God who walks what he talks forever.
May God bless you, with hope.

May Jesus the teacher bless you:
Jesus who speaks of Good News for poor people,
Jesus who talks and does the business.
May Jesus bless you, with truth.

May God the Holy Spirit bless you:
the Holy Spirit who speaks in fire and stillness,
the Holy Spirit who dances what she announces.
May the Holy Spirit bless you, with joy.

May you walk and talk with God
who loves you forever,
every step of your journey,
every moment of your life.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Recessional

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494

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.

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

*--Tune: Duke Street,
setting by Robert A. Hobb*

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Roger Crow	Lector:	Judy Gold & Judy Drew
Seating Coordinator:	Sarah Lamola	Ushers:	Woody Bretz Teddy Anderson and Rob Butler
Altar Guild:	Roger Crow & Anna Darby	Flower Guild:	Virginia Hernandez
Cantor:	Diego Magaña	Welcome Greeter:	Marcia Semple & Pat Malchak
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Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 21, 2021

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop	President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan	Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan	

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Mary, J, N, Devyn, Marilyn, Joan, Lisa, Connie, Rebecca, Ann and all first responders, those on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Kay, Dave, Jeanice, Regina, Virginia, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Amelia, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim, Penny and Susan.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + 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 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 Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaaso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIAM

For Bryan Beilby, Kathy Stone 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 November 21, 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



Prepare the Way of the Lord...

Join us Next Week for the First Sunday of Advent - 11/28 at 10:15am

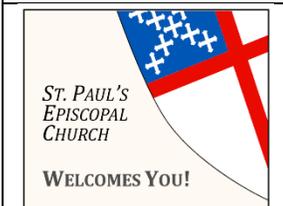
Be with us online or in-person as we light the first candle on our Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE. Let's come together as we worship and wait, holding on to the hope that Christ has instilled in us. Join us as we prepare the way of the Lord, lift our prayers, and receive communion. Come get inspired! Invite a friend and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

Can You Help Us Close the Gap?

If you haven't made a pledge for 2022, it's not too late. Our Annual Giving Campaign was wonderful, and we appreciate all the pledges that came in. Unfortunately, we fell short of our goal. We're considering all the ways we can save money, and we're making deep cuts to our budget in order to reduce the deficit. If your household hasn't made a pledge yet, we hope you'll help. We appreciate whatever you can do to support the church! **Thank You!**



Church Information Series – Week 2

Whether you're new to the church, ready to explore your faith in new ways, or want to help us offer a warm welcome to everyone, you're invited to participate in the upcoming Church Information Series. Tonight, we continue our series this week with the topic: **Episcopal Worship - The Book of Common Prayer and the Bulletin**. Come meet people, ask questions and learn something new. All are welcome! Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov, 28th when we'll talk about Ministry and Outreach: Getting involved and helping to make a difference in the world. We look forward to seeing you there! Meeting ID: 816 5081 2566 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81650812566> You can also join in person. Please contact Rev. Susan for the location of this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you for helping feed the hungry!

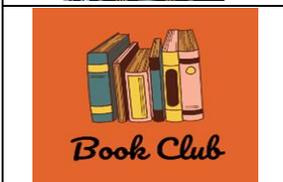
LAST MONDAY November 15th

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!



Want to Help Prepare the Church for Christmas?

If so, you're invited to a meeting after service TODAY. Together with the Altar Guild and Flower Guild, we'll be making plans to decorate the sanctuary, and we could use your help. Join us for this planning meeting and mark your calendar for the Greening of the Church on Dec. 23rd from 9am – Noon. Bring a friend, lots of hands make light work!



First Monday Book Club – December 6th at 5:30 pm on Zoom

Our next book is *The Third Mrs. Galway* by Deirdre Sinnott. Antislavery agitation is rocking Utica in 1835 when a young bride discovers an enslaved family hiding in her shed. Sinnott has created a beautiful, timely, and uplifting book with unforgettable characters. Enjoy and see you in our virtual living room on December 6th at 5:30. Same link as before. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 7Tt0EF