



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Sunday

Rite II, Year B

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10

July 11, 2021 10:15 a.m. Livestream

*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.

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*Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping 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.*

## Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

### Prelude

*Inspirations on Nettleton  
Instrumental*

*pre-recorded 2020.9.27  
(live)*

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

### Processional Hymn

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

**Hymnal 492**

### Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

*Celebrant  
People*

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

**Collect of the Day**

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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.*

**First Reading****Amos 7:7-15**

A reading from the Prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
 and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
 and Israel must go into exile  
 away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

**Psalm****Psalm 85:8-13**

The psalm this morning is a portion of Psalm 85. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*

**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*

**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*

**and our land will yield its increase.**

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*

**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## Second Reading

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

A reading from the Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

***People***        **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

**Day by day dear Lord**

**Hymnal 654**

*All stand as able to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

**Mark 6: 14-29**

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against

him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Liz Williams

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

### **Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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 – Form I**

*BCP p.383*

*Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer and are able.*

*Server:* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing

<sup>2</sup> relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those battling COVID -19, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially (add names from Prayer Intentions) let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those

good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*BCP p. 359*

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**

*BCP p. 360*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

### **Announcements**

#### **Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.**

*Please come forward to receive a blessing.*

## ***Liturgy of the Table***

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### **Offertory Anthem** *We Bring Our Eager Souls to Thee*

*Ludwig van Beethoven,  
arranged by Russel C. Gillam*

*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 Doxology*

**v.3 Hymnal 380**

*Please stand as you are able as the offering plate is brought forward.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer C  
*BCP p. 369*

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**    *Santo, Santo, Santo*    *3x Spanish, English, Spanish*

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San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now ask your blessing. Though we are not all together again, we remember the way that Jesus celebrated the first Eucharist and gave us the words of Institution:

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Now gathered here in the sanctuary and virtually in homes across your creation, we join together remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to you for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Sanctify us. Make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, you are known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

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

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**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 here.

### **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.*

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

**People** **Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and we desire to offer you thanks and praise as we proclaim**

**your resurrection. 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. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and help us to be mindful that, though we are separate from one another, you are always present and will never leave us. Bless each of us and our entire congregation, as well as all of our neighbors throughout the world. Fill us all with your light and nourish us with your word and Spirit until we can all be together again. Amen.**

*All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish to receive a blessing. The Presiding Bishop asks that we continue to serve communion in one kind only as he and his colleagues discern the best way to honor our Anglican heritage of the common cup in the shadow of pandemic.*

*Suggestion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.*

**Communion**      *Ubi Caritas*

*Words: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8;  
adapt. Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer and are able.*

### **Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

As you leave this place;  
leave fear behind,  
leave with a glad heart,  
leave with conviction that  
all people you meet in the coming days  
are beloved of God  
as you are, also.  
Rejoice and give thanks.  
May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the Spirit's peace +  
be with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**      Come, thou fount of every blessing

**Hymnal 686**

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Here I Am, Lord*

*Setting by Robert Bucklee Farlee*

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### ***Please join us in thanking those serving this week:***

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Altar Guild: Team 2 \* Music: Sara Edwards & Diego Magaña

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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of July 11, 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:***

Pat, Lynda, Patty, Darryl, Amy, Ginny, Harry, Bill, Jim, all first responders on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone battling COVID-19.

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:***

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 Wayne Bartel, Margery Dickinson, and all those we love and see no longer.

*Contact the office with your prayer requests which may be added at any time.*



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# St. Paul's Announcements July 11, 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!

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.



## This Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> after service...

**No Virtual Coffee Hour!** Our team is taking a break for the month of July, so we're going to pick up with our Virtual Coffee Hours again in August.

If you would like to help with hosting our Virtual Coffee Hour, please contact our office and we'll put you in touch with the team. This is a wonderful ministry that you can facilitate from the comfort of your own home.



## Next Sunday: July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am – Livestream and In Person!

We will continue with our open and socially-distanced seating at our Sunday Worship service on July 18, 2021 at 10:15am.

If you are arriving for open seating, please plan to come by 10am since we start recording at 10:15am for our livestream audience. If you are coming for a reserved, socially-distanced seat, please arrive by 9:45am to be seated by our ushers and seating coordinator. You can make a reservation through your *Click and Go* newsletter or by calling the church at 805-643-5033 or emailing [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org).

*All are welcome to join us for this Sunday Service!*



## Come spend the morning in fellowship with people and God's creation!

*9am next Saturday, July 17 at Big Rock Preserve*

We will be meeting for an outdoor gathering that includes a short liturgy paired with Eucharist that is family friendly. Then we will take a short hike to **Big Rock preserve** here in Ventura (towards Ojai) to explore and learn.

Plan to park on Casitas Vista Road under the Highway 33 overpass and meet at the bike path. Big Rock Preserve is about 1/4 mile down the bike path.