

may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

I come with joy to meet my Lord v.1

Hymnal 304

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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

Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 99

The psalm this morning is Psalm 99. We will read it in responsively breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
**you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:13-21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Gradual Hymn

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

All stand as able to sing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly

they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Bek

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 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 – 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."

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.

¹ universal; all embracing

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

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

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
A period of silence is observed.

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

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

The Peace

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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

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Anthem *Panis Angelicus*

*Cesar Franck
Amy Schaffer, soloist*

Translation of Panis Angelicus:

*Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis caelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.*

*Te trina Deitas
unaque poscimus:
Sic nos tu visita,
sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas
duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.
Amen.*

*Thus Angels' Bread is made
the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.*

*Thee, therefore, we implore,
o Godhead, One in Three,
so may Thou visit us
as we now worship Thee;
and lead us on Thy way,
That we at last may see
the light wherein Thou dwellest aye.
Amen.*

*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.*

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

Thank You, Lord

Words and Music: Felix Eisenhauer

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

Go in peace.
Practice forgiveness.
Love the gospel.
In the name of Jesus, our Lord,
the blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit
sustain you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 6

Dismissal

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

Postlude

The Heavens are Telling of the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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IN MEMORIAM

For Fred Zalokar, Lee Molesworth, Jean Jenkins, and Virginia Arcangel.

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



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St. Paul's Announcements August 8, 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.



Virtual Coffee On Hold until Further Notice

No Virtual Coffee Hour this Week, August 8th



Next Sunday: August 15 at 10:15am – Online and In Person!

We will continue with our open and socially-distanced seating at our Sunday Worship service on August 15, 2021 at 10:15am. Rev. Susan Bek will be preaching.

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.

All are welcome to join us for this Sunday Service!



Upcoming Meetings & Events in August

Zoom information for future meetings will be published next week alongside the meeting dates. Thank you!

Pastoral Care Committee - Tues, Aug 10 at 11am via Zoom

Vestry Planning Meeting - Weds, Aug 11 via Zoom

Finance Committee - Weds, Aug 18 at 6pm via Zoom

Buildings and Grounds - Thurs, Aug 19 at 8:30am (Community Rm, with masks)

Vestry Retreat - Sun, Aug 22, 2-5pm (location TBD)

Vestry - Weds, Aug 25 at 6:30pm via Zoom

St. Paul's Hike & Outdoor Eucharist- Sat, Aug 28, 8:30am at Harmon Canyon

Choir Retreat - Sat, Aug 28, 10-2pm at Kahler Hall (in person, masks required)



Mark your calendars now: Homecoming Sunday at St. Paul's on 9/12

Join us online or in person as we celebrate the beginning of a new program year together. Please mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, September 12th. All are welcome.

We will continue to provide socially-distanced seating and online service options as needed. More details are coming soon.