



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*

*Online Bulletin*

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**Rite II, Year B**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19**

**September 5, 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 10am on: [www.StPaulsVentura.org](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org), [www.YouTube.com /StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), and [www.Facebook.com /StPaulsVentura](http://www.Facebook.com/StPaulsVentura).*

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*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**      *Etude 5*      *Philip Glass*

*Strengthen for Service, Lord*      *arr. Aaron David Miller*

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

**Processional Hymn**      O for a thousand tongues to sing      **Hymnal 493**

**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 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.**

**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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

## Psalm

Psalm 146

The psalm this morning is Psalm 146. We will read it in responsively breaking at the asterisk.

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

**for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

**who keeps his promise for ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

**and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*

**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*

**he sustains the orphan and widow,**

**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**

**Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading**

**James 2:1-17**

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*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**

**Mark 7:24-37**

**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 set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*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."

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 Glenn Owens, Kiel, Rebecca Ruth King, and all those we love and see no longer, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

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

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

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.**

*Those who are present are invited forward for a blessing. For online worshipers, please contact us in advance. We are happy to include blessings for you as well.*

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

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

## Offertory Anthem

*Guitar Improvisation*

*Reid Edwards*

*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:

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**      Amazing Grace

**Hymnal 671**

### **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**

**Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old**

**Hymnal 567**

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

*The Heavens Rejoice*

*Beatrice A. Miller*

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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 5, 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, all first responders on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone battling COVID-19.

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

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

### ***IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:***

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- 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 Wiawso*, Ghana
- The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

For Glenn Owens, Kiel, Rebecca Ruth King, 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 September 5, 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 our Sunday services online, and in person. Those who attend in person have the option of sitting in the reserved section with social distancing or in open seating. Current protocols are available at the welcome tables. Please let us know if we can 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 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 Enewsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list!



### Next Sunday: September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am – Livestream and In Person!

We continue to offer services online and in person. Next Sunday, Rev. Susan will welcome us all to the new ministry year and introduce the new programs beginning for the Fall. We look forward to having you with us!

If you plan to come in person, and would prefer a socially distanced seat, please contact the church office by Thursday at Noon to make a reservation. No reservations are necessary for the open seating section.



### Volunteers Needed

We need new members for our rose trimming team. We'd also love to have a few more Altar Guild and Flower Guild members. No experience necessary. We'd be happy to tell you all about it before you make a commitment. Please contact our office if you are interested via email at [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org) or phone. We would love to hear from you.



*We're here for you.*

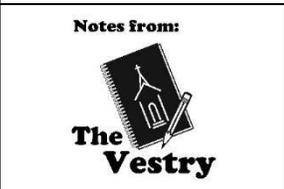
### ST. PAUL'S OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours this Fall will be:

Monday - Thursday 9am – 3pm

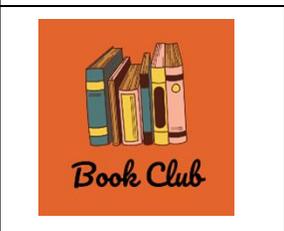
You can reach us at (805) 643-5033 and [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)

We look forward to hearing from you!



### City of Ventura Approves Renovation of the Gooden Center

At a public hearing last week, the City of Ventura approved the change of our Conditional Use Permit to allow us to move forward with the renovation of the Gooden Center. It will change back from classroom space into residential space. The church looks forward to lease income we can get from this beautiful home.



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

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

