



Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*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 43:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

## **Psalm 29**

The response appointed for today is Psalm 29. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd verses and I invite the congregation to read the even verses.

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **Second Reading**

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

## **Gradual Hymn**

**My God, accept my heart this day**

**Hymnal 697**

*All stand as able to sing.*

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Susan Bek

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## ***The Renewal of Baptismal Vows***

*Please stand as you are able.*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and promised to serve God.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
**People** **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

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

**People** **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

**Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries.**

***Liturgy of the Table***

**Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*



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**Offertory**

*Instrumental*

**Presentation Hymn**

**I come with joy to meet my Lord**

**Hymnal 304**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 S125\*

*\*Hymns numbers that begin with "S" are designated as Service Music and found at the beginning 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 or kneel as is your custom.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

### **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.**

### **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 with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**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.**

## The Invitation

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 his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

*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, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. Online worshipers can find it at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)*

## Communion Music

To Jordan Came our Lord, the Christ  
unser Herr zum Jordan

*Tune by Martin Luther  
arr. James Mansfield*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage to find the Lord; And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**On Jordan's bank, the baptist's cry**

**Hymnal 76**

*Please stand and face the cross as we process.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

Three Kings of Orient

*arr. Janet Linker*

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**January 30, 2022**  
**March 2, 2022**  
**April 10, 2022**  
**April 17, 2022**

**Annual Meeting at Noon on Zoom**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Easter Sunday**

And while you have your calendar open,  
 please consider adding Sunday mornings at 10:15am.  
 We'd love to have you join us as we worship and praise the Lord.



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**Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.**

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 9, 2022***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson
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### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Mary, J, N, Devyn, Marilyn, Joan, Lisa, Connie, Rebecca, Ann, Maria, Phil, Audrey, Judy, Bob, Fermin, Olie, David, Michele, Clara, Fatima, all first responders, those on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

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

Kay, Brian, Mary, Dave, Penny, Virginia, Susan, Michelle, Jeanice, Sheila, Carol, Rachel, Kim, Amelia, Liz, Maria and Linda.

### ***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 Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

For those we love but 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 January 9, 2022

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.



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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](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



## OUTREACH PROJECT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

**FEEDING OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS** – We're raising the funds to purchase the food and paper goods used for when we take our turn once a month at the Family to Family lunch ministry. We serve about 100 lunches each third Monday of the month at a cost of approx. \$2.50/plate. Our goal is \$4,400 to carry us through until Fall. *Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!*

## Annual Meeting



Please Join Us  
Sunday,  
January 30  
at Noon  
on Zoom

*Once a year we gather to do the business of the church. Please mark your calendar and join us.*

## 2022 Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Parish

**Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases,  
this meeting will be presented on Zoom**

**Why have an Annual Meeting?** To conduct the business of the church.

**Who needs to attend?** All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a quorum.

**What happens at the Annual Meeting?** We vote for new Vestry members and elect our delegates to Diocesan Convention. We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church and review our finances and the budget for the coming year.

*Here's the Zoom link:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84822393848>

*Please mark it on your calendar and arrange to be with us. Thank you!*



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