



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Annual Meeting Sunday
January 30, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.
Service offered both 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. Services are available online at: www.StPaulsVentura.org/live, www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, and www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura.

There are two seating options at in-person Sunday services: 1) Open seating is available without a reservation. 2) A limited number of socially distanced seats are available each week – reservations are recommended. To make a reservation, simply contact the church office – office@saintpaulsventura.org. Everyone on campus is required to wear a mask at this time. Check our Email Newsletter each week to keep up with the latest events, announcements, and protocols. If you don't receive our newsletter, please contact us at office@saintpaulsventura.org.

Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Also contact us if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.

Today's flowers in gratitude for the faithfulness of this congregation
by The Rev. Susan and Jon Bek

If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist
Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Variations on Ubi Caritas* *arr. Denis Bédard*

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

Entrance Hymn **Spread, O spread, thou mighty word** **Hymnal 632**
Today's Cantor: Diego Magaña

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 **Let all the world in every corner sing** **Hymnal 402 v. 1**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71:1-6

The response appointed for this morning is from Psalm 71. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd numbered verses. The congregation is invited to read the even numbered verses.

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

**2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.

**6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.**

Gradual Hymn
All stand as able.

My God, accept my heart this day

Hymnal 697 v. 1

Holy Gospel
Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Luke 4:21-30

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

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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.

Nicene Creed
All stand and together say

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Server

We are the beloved children of God. In faith and love we come to pray for the church and for the world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace on earth and in the hearts of national leaders, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For parents, teachers, and youth workers, that they may live with the gospel each day, sharing their love with all, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the young people in our community, that they may be inspired by the ideals of Jesus and follow him in their daily living, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, *especially (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those affected by violence, storms, fires, and floods, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, *especially... (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Bless the work of your creation, and help us to be strong in following Jesus, who is our brother and our Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

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

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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with whatever you are able to give.*

Offertory

Cavatina

by James Mansfield

Presentation Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304 v. 1-3

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 worshippers: 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 worshippers can find it at www.bcponline.org

Communion Music

Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart

*Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Sarah Douglas*

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 God give you grace to never sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn **God is Love, let heaven adore him**

Hymnal 379

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

The Rock of Salvation

Franklin Ritter

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**Please join us today at Noon for
The Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Parish**

We'll be on Zoom at:

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

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 30, 2022

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

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, Isabella, Jay, Leta, Lorraine, Jackie, Joe, Baby Z, Nick, 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, Linda, and Jan.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County
- + 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 Wiauso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*

IN MEMORIAM

Dolores Velasquez, Roger Myers, Roy Kyle, Jay Craft, Liz McEwan, Larry Boeing, *and for all 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 30, 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.

**ST. PAUL'S
ENEWS**
announcements,
enrichment, encouragement
Because faith isn't just for Sundays!

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

Annual Meeting

We need you at the Annual Meeting TODAY at Noon via Zoom

Please join us at Noon on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98526311219>

It is very important that you join us online for this important meeting.

We must have a quorum of members present in order to do the business of the church.

Please make arrangements to be with us for this important meeting.

Thank you!

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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!*

Church
Information
Series

Church Information Series - Sunday, February 6th at 6pm on Zoom

Communion: to Receive or Not to Receive, What does it all mean?

We invite you to join us on Sunday, February 6 on Zoom. We will talk about the meaning of Eucharist. We'll explore the practices common in the Episcopal Church and specifically, at St. Paul's. This presentation will be wonderful for newcomers as well as long-time members. Bring your questions and your opinions and join us. All who are interested are welcome. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87651174080>

Book Club

First Monday Book Club - February 7th at 5:30pm on Zoom

Our next book is *The Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author, an entertaining novel of heists, shakedowns, and rip-offs set in Harlem in the 1960s. It's a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a hilarious morality play, a social novel about race and power, and ultimately a love letter to Harlem. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday
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Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.

