

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

The response appointed for this morning is from Psalm 1. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
2. Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4. It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ-- whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6:17-26

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 came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

All stand and together say

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

Taught by God's word we pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For peace in all lands and in the hearts of all people, we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those engaged in ministry and for all who guide them, that they may be teachers of God's light and love, we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all members of our civic community, that we may live together with justice and understanding, we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

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, fires, floods, storms, and COVID-19 we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

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: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant

God of wisdom and love, hear the prayers of your beloved children in this community of faith. Bring your help to all in need, granting our prayer through Christ our Lord. **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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Your generosity is appreciated!
We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ
with whatever you are able to give.*

Offertory

A Round of Praise for Six Chimes

Felix Eisenhauer

Presentation Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

H304

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. Due to the pandemic, we offer bread only. Be assured that this is a sufficient experience

of communion. We look forward to the time when we can offer wine as well. If you'd like to come forward but would prefer not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you 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

Communion Music

Meditations of Praise for Six Chimes

Felix Eisenhauer

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

O for a thousand tongues

Hymnal 493

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

Carillon Tocata

Douglas Wagner

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Drew Darby	Lector:	Janet Koehn
Seating Coordinator:	Sarah Lamola	Ushers:	Susan & Rob Talmadge
Altar Guild:	Susan Talmadge & Roger Crow	Flower Guild:	Susan Talmadge, Roger Crow & Virginia Hernandez
Cantor:	Reid Edwards	Welcome Greeter:	Marcia Semple
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Prayer Intentions for the Week of February 13, 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 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

Betty Pacocha, Dolores Velasquez, Roger Myers, Roy Kyle, Jay Craft, Liz McEwan, *and 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 February 13, 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.



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



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!*



Would you like to pick a date to donate for the flowers?

Flower Arrangement Donations and Dedications

Donating the flowers for a Sunday service is a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. It's quick and easy to arrange, and really helps the church too! Use an envelope from the pew rack in front of your seat or email us the information. Enclose a donation, (\$65 is suggested), or go to our website and click "Giving". Be sure to mention that it's a Flower Donation. Give us the date you'd like dedicate the flowers and provide us the information about who they're given in memory of, or what you are thankful for. We look forward to remembering or celebrating with you, and we appreciate your support! If you need assistance with this, please contact the church office 805 643-5033 or church@saintpaulsventura.org **Thank You!**



Have your Pancakes and Support the church, too!

SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER– Tuesday, March 1, 4:30-8:30pm at Denny's at 4095 Telegraph, Ventura

Since we aren't ready to be together for the traditional Pancake Supper, our admin team came up with a great idea. Have your pancakes and benefit the church, too! This is a fundraiser for the church. Order anything on the menu, not just pancakes, and Denny's will donate 20% of revenue (not including tax and tip) to St. Paul's. Eat in and telephone orders accepted (no online ordering, though). You must tell them you're supporting St. Paul's and bring a flier or this page of your bulletin. We really appreciate your support!



Start Lent in a holy way...

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 2nd

Ashes to Go! – 7:30-9am and 11:30-1pm

Receive a brief prayer and the imposition of ashes in the parking lot at St. Paul's while on your way to work or school or on your lunch break.

This is a very moving experience, both for those who stop by and those who help that day.

If you'd like to help, please let us know office@saintpaulsventura.org

Traditional Ash Wednesday Service with Music and Communion at 7pm
Your choice on online or in-person

Please invite friends and family to join us for these opportunities to start Lent in a holy way.



COLLECTING PALM CROSSES – Now through Tuesday, March 1

You are welcome to return your palm crosses from last year so they can be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please add them to the basket in the narthex (lobby) or drop them off in the church office T-W-Th 9am-4pm. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON ASH WEDNESDAY – March 2nd

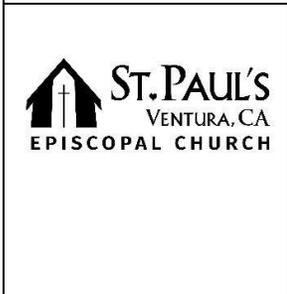
We're making preparations for our Ash Wednesday service on March 2nd and are looking for some assistance. Here's what we need: **Ashes to Go** – 3 Volunteers from 7:30-9am and 4 Volunteers 11:30-1pm. **7pm Service** – 1 Reader, 2 Ushers, 1 Seating Coordinator. If you can assist, please let us know. office@saintpaulsventura.org Thank You!



UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES

4/17 Easter; 6/5 Pentecost; 11/6 All Saints Day (other dates may be arranged)

We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan to make arrangements. *About Baptism: Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Through Baptism and the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven of our sins and raised to the new life of grace. We are also formally initiated into the fellowship of Christian community. This is a very important and moving occasion. The prayers and presence of the community are requested.*

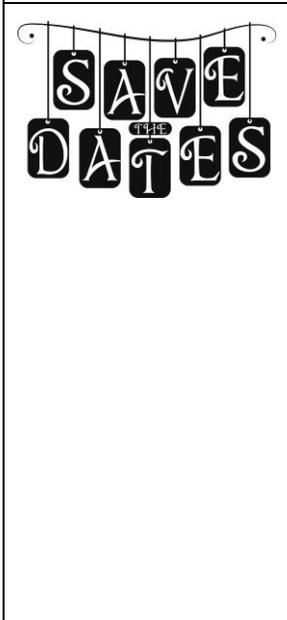


Since we walk this journey of faith together...

WE'D LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH – Here are some suggestions:

- Check out our website. New things are posted every week. www.saintpaulsventura.org
- Read our weekly E-Newsletter. If you aren't receiving it, please provide your email address in the Guest Book at the Welcome Table or send a note to the office. office@saintpaulsventura.org
- Share your prayer requests with us and remember us in your prayers too.
- Comment, share, like or post on Social Media.

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March 1 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser

March 2 – Ash Wednesday
Ashes to Go! 7:30-9am and 11:30-1pm
Traditional Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm

Sunday, March 13 — Time Change; Spring Ahead!

Saturday, April 9 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church at 9am

Sunday, April 10 — Palm Sunday
9am Procession to VCMC to offer prayers for healing
10:15am Traditional Palm Sunday Service
begins around the fountain with the Procession of the Palms
your choice of online or in-person

Friday, April 10 Good Friday -- Labyrinth open all day

Sunday April 17— Easter Service at 10:15am, your choice of online or in-person

Sunday, April 24 – Second Sunday in Easter, the celebration continues!



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Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to give.

Thank you so much!

