



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



Online Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 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 were given through the generosity of your pledge.

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

Holy Eucharist
A Penitential Order for Lent

Prelude

Metamorphosis 4

Phillip Glass

Silent Procession

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

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
***People* His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
Mark 12:29-31

Confession and Absolution

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.

Celebrant 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.**

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

*The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.
Today's Cantor: Reid Edwards*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 32. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd verses; the congregation will read the even verses.

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who

reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gradual Hymn
All stand to sing.

God be in my head

Hymnal 694

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you

are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Drew Darby

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed Credo from St. Paul's Mass
All stand as able and together sing.

Felix Eisenhauer

Celebrant

Our service continues with the Nicene Creed. Please stand and join us in singing.



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.

A - men.

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP p. 387

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Father, we pray for your holy Church:

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *You're invited to add your petitions silently or aloud.*

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*



*Thank you for your donation, and for your pledge.
Your generosity is appreciated!
We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ
with whatever you are able to give.*

Offertory Anthem

Forgive Us Our Sins as We Forgive

*Words: R. Herklots, alt. A. Steele
Setting by R. Hobby*

Presentation Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

H470

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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. *You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.* 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

Hymnal S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Be known to us Lord, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Lento

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Translation:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Jesus, Remember Me

Words: Luke 23:42; adapt. Taizé Community
Music: Jacques Berthier

Jesus, Remember Me

Ostinato Refrain

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing, sitting or kneeling.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; and may the blessing of God Almighty rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**



Concluding Hymn God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

*Words: Jeremiah Rankin
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain;
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain;
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain;

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
'neath his wings se - cure - ly hide you,
when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with his sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
put his arms un - fail - ing round you:

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Silent Recession

Please stand or as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Drew Darby	Lector:	Bridget Wareham
Seating Coordinator:	Sarah Lamola	Ushers:	Steve Jones & Judy Gold
Altar Guild:	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby & Louise Bretz	Flower Guild:	<i>No flowers in Lent</i>
Cantor:	Reid Edwards	Welcome Greeter:	Pat Malchak
Video Production:	Patrick Van Horn	Lock-up Team:	Miles Sexton

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 27, 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:

Hal, Audrey, David, Isabella, Leta, Steve, Lorraine, Jackie, Joe, Baby Z, Nick, Mirium, Joan, Stacie, Jorge, all first responders, those on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

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

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool, KinderMusik and Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2022 vestry members and officers are Grace Dunlevy (Senior Warden), Jordan Daniels (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Dan Campbell, Kathleen Crookston, Steve Jones, Sarah Lamola, Kathy Loest, Marcia Semple, Daniel Smithson, Wendy VanHorn, Bridget Wareham, and the Rev. Susan Bek (Rector).
- + 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: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM

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 March 27, 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

Family to Family

Thank you for helping feed the hungry!

LAST MONDAY, March 21st

Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve about 100 lunches. Thank you so much!

*End of
life
Planning*

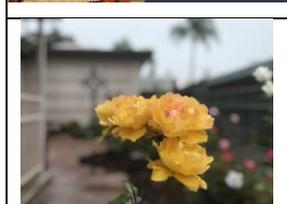
Church
Information
Series

TONIGHT at 6pm on Zoom: Church Information Series

Planning Your Own Memorial Service and Obituary

We invite you to join us on Zoom for a presentation on this very important topic. When the end of our time on this earth arrives, we want to leave our families with a clear understanding of our final wishes and the comfort of knowing which choices we want them to make on our behalf. The church reminds us of this every Lent. No matter your age or situation, it's a good time to get your plans in order. If you are among the few who have already done this, it's time to review and make any changes. All who are interested are welcome. Zoom Meeting: 84325054293 link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84325054293>



We invite you to come and help with some...

Outdoor Spring Cleaning at St. Paul's on Sat. 4/2 at 8am

Join us for a work party to beautify our campus before Easter. We'll meet you on the labyrinth. Plans include some planting, transplanting, trimming and soil improvement. Bring your favorite gloves, clippers or trowels or borrow tools we have at the church! Contact the church office or Grace Dunlevy with any questions.

**Easter
Music
& Flowers**

EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: Would you like to make a donation to our Flower and Music Fund to help make our Easter services truly glorious? You can dedicate your gift in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be published in the Easter bulletin. Place your donation in the envelopes provided in your pew and place it in the offering plate or donate online at www.saintpaulsventura.org. Click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note "Easter Flowers & Music" and tell us how you'd like the dedication to read. Thank you for your support!



We're collecting new books for young children ages 0-3...

OUTREACH PROJECT - Reach for Early Childhood Literacy

This month, St. Paul's is going to do an early childhood book drive in support of Reach Out and Read, a national literacy program currently being run through the county medical system. In this model, children receive a book when they see their doctor for a well-baby visit. Take a REACH bag and bring it back with books to donate. You can also give directly by clicking the link in our weekly E-newsletter.

Book Club

First Monday Book Club - April 4th at 5:30pm on Zoom

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave is the newest selection by the First Monday Book Club. A #1 New York Times bestseller. With it's breakneck pacing, dizzying plot twists and evocative family drama, it is a riveting mystery. Join us on April 4th for the discussion.

Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday

HOLY WEEK

We remember. We celebrate. We believe.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2022



Now Recruiting for St. Paul's Passion Play for Palm Sunday

If you will be present in church on Palm Sunday, April 10th, you are invited to play a part. The congregation will take the role of the assembly. Individual parts are also available. Would you like to volunteer to be a reader for one of the parts? There are lots of options! Read our script by [clicking on the link your Enews](#). Email or call our office, we'll let you know which parts are still available. **Thanks for your help!**



SATURDAY, April 9th – IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PALMS!

PALM CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP: 9am in the Community Room (in back of Kahler Hall) Come and learn this ancient art as we prepare the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. No prior experience is necessary, and we could really use your help.

PALM DECORATING: 9am in the Sanctuary Come help us decorate and create a beautiful palm arch as we prepare the church for Palm Sunday. Lots of hands make light work!



PALM SUNDAY – April 10: Join us as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and begin our journey through Holy Week.

9:30 am: We will gather in Kahler Hall then Process to Ventura County Medical Center to offer prayers and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them.

10:15 am: Service with Procession of the Palms, Reading of The Passion and Holy Eucharist. (This service will begin around the fountain outside Kahler Hall.)



MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 14: Join us as we remember Jesus' last supper and the mandate that we must love one another as he has loved us.

7pm – You are invited to come wash one another's feet outside on the labyrinth (optional)

7:30 – service with Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar. A very moving service!

9 pm: Keeping the Watch begins



KEEPING THE WATCH – Thursday at 9 pm until Friday at Noon: "Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray." We will "Keep the Watch" from our homes remembering the time when Jesus prayed in the garden and was arrested. Sign up for 1-hour shifts to watch and pray from home. Sign up in the narthex (lobby) or by emailing us at office@saintpaulsventura.org



WALK THE LABYRINTH ON GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, 6am – 3pm Looking for a meaningful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday? Come and walk the Labyrinth anytime between 6am and 3pm. Walk, pray, be grateful.



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Friday, April 15 at Noon: Traditional Good Friday service with Veneration of the Cross. A Good Friday offering is the opportunity to add some of the substance of our lives to the substance of our prayers. Each year the collection is sent to support a cause chosen by the Diocese. Please donate during our service or online: www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering. The church will remain open until 3pm when the bells will ring and the doors will be locked.



MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 14th Stripping of the Altar

Would you like to help with the Stripping of the Altar? Wear black (or a dark color) and meet us in the sanctuary at 7:15pm for a briefing on how you can help. We appreciate your assistance!

SATURDAY, April 16th at 9am - FLOWER ARRANGING & DECORATING for Easter

Would you like to help us? Come lend a hand. Help us prepare for a truly glorious Easter. No experience necessary. Our Flower Guild appreciates your support!

2022 Holy Week Services

April 9 – Saturday Preparations for Palm Sunday

9 a.m. Palm Cross Making - *Come learn this ancient art and help prepare for Palm Sunday. No experience necessary.*

9 a.m. Palm Decorating - *Come help us decorate and create a beautiful palm arch as we prepare the church for Palm Sunday. Lots of hands make light work!*

April 10 - Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Procession to Ventura County Medical Center - *to offer prayers and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them.*

10:15 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist
Join us in-person or online.

April 13 - Holy Wednesday

9 a.m. Healing Service on Zoom

April 14 - Maundy Thursday

7pm Wash one another's feet on the Labyrinth

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
Join us in-person or online.

9 p.m. Vigil at the Altar of Repose – *This year we will keep the watch virtually. We'll take shifts waiting, watching and praying from our own homes. (Continues in shifts until Noon on Good Friday)*

April 15 - Good Friday

6 a.m. – 3 p.m. Labyrinth Open – *think, pray, remember*
Enter through the Loma Vista gate.

12:00 noon Traditional Good Friday Service

3:00 p.m. Bell Rings and Church Closes

Easter Services

Sunday, April 17, 2022

10:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist with Choir and Brass
Service ends with singing of the Halleluiah Chorus

Join us in-person or online.

In-person worshippers are encouraged to bring flowers to decorate the cross.

Easter Egg Hunt for Children will follow the service.