



## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

### Second Sunday of Easter

**April 24, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.**

**Service offered both in-person and online**



*Online Bulletin*

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**Welcome!** Sunday Services are offered each week at 10:15am. You have the option of attending in-person or online at: [www.StPaulsVentura.org/live](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org/live), [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), [www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](http://www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura).

There are two seating options at in-person Sunday services: open seating, and distanced seating. A limited number of seats on the street side of the church are available for those who prefer or require some extra distance. Masks are required in the church at this time because many of those who attend services who are in a high-risk group. Thank you for your cooperation. You are a living example of what LOVE looks like, and we appreciate your kindness.

Whether this is your first visit, or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. We invite you to sing, pray and read along with us through the service. The words in bold are the ones we'll all say together.

Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Fountain Patio. Children are invited to join Miss Bailey and Miss Wendy to hear a Bible story and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

The best way to keep up with the latest events, announcements, and protocols is to read our Email Newsletter each week. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office.

Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Let us know 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.

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**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!*

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## ***Liturgy of the Word***

**Prelude** Easter Dawn and Fanfare for a Risen Christ *James Southbridge, Lani Smith*

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

**Proclamation** **Jesus lives! thy terrors now** **Hymnal 195**  
*Cantor: Daniel Smithson*

**Opening Salutation** *Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**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** **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks** **Hymnal 178**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*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

Acts 5:27-32

*Please be seated.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 150

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 150. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
**praise him in the firmament of his power.**

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
**praise him with lyre and harp.**

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
**praise him with strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
**praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.**

6 Let everything that has breath \*  
**praise the LORD. Hallelujah**

## **Second Reading**

Revelation 1:4-8

A Reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

**We walk by faith, and not by sight**

**Hymnal 209**

*All stand as able to sing.*

## **Holy Gospel**

John 20:19-31

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **The Sermon**

Drew Darby

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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*

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

May we be one faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God: for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Celebrant*

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*In keeping with ancient tradition, we do not include the Confession during the season of Easter.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

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

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

# ***Liturgy of the Table*** ***Holy Communion***

## **Offertory Sentence**

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

*Ephesians 5:2*



*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**

Alleluia Round

*William Boyce, arr. Richard Proulx*

## **Presentation Hymn**

**Now thank we all our God**

**Hymnal 397**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3

*The people remain standing as they are able.*

*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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus****Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass***Felix Eisenhauer*

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus,  
sanc - tus, Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the high - est Be - ne - dic - tus  
qui ve - nit, in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho -  
sa - na in the high - est!

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" - Holy, holy, holy "Benedictus qui venit" - Blessed are those who come

*Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.  
Rising you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **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 are not all 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 here.

*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.*

*Once you have the bread, you may choose any of the following options:*

1. **Return to your seat without receiving the wine.** Be assured that this is a sufficient experience of communion.
2. **Sip the wine, from the common cup,** guiding the chalice gently with your hand. (This meets the current safety standards set by the Diocese of Los Angeles and our bishop because the wine contains alcohol, the chalice is silver or similar metal, and the surface is wiped and turned between communicants.)
3. **Receive by intinction** – the Eucharistic Minister will dip your wafer into the wine for you. We must place it in your hand at this time and cannot place it in your mouth.

*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](http://www.bcponline.org)*

## Communion Music

## Meditation on Morning Has Broken

*Susan Calvin Fletcher*

## Peace Before Us

*David Haas*

*Words based on a Navaho prayer*



1. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace
2. Love	be - fore us,	love	be - hind us,	love
3. Light	be - fore us,	light	be - hind us,	light
4. Christ	be - fore us,	Christ	be - hind us,	Christ
5. Al -	le - lu - ia,	al -	le - lu - ia,	al - le -
6. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace



un - der	our	feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace
un - der	our	feet.	Love	with - in us,	love
un - der	our	feet.	Light	with - in us,	light
un - der	our	feet.	Christ	with - in us,	Christ
lu -	-	ia,	Al -	le - lu - ia,	al - le -
un - der	our	feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace



o - ver	us,	let	all	a - round us	be	peace.
o - ver	us,	let	all	a - round us	be	love.
o - ver	us,	let	all	a - round us	be	light.
o - ver	us,	let	all	a - round us	be	Christ.
lu -	ia,	al -	le - lu	-		ia.
o - ver	us,	let	all	a - round us	be	peace.

## Post Communion Prayer:

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height**

**Hymnal 432**

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

## Dismissal

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## Postlude

Easter Fanfare and Chorale

*Thomas Chesterton*

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*Check out next Sunday's readings at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)*

***Please join us in thanking those who served today, including:***

<b>Server:</b>	Drew Darby	<b>Lector:</b>	Bridget Wareham
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Roger Crow	<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Drew Darby
<b>Seating Coordinator:</b>	Wendy VanHorn	<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Jones & Judy Gold
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<b>Cantor:</b>	Daniel Smithson	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Ernie Fickerson
<b>Video Production:</b>	Patrick Van Horn	<b>Lock-up Team:</b>	Miles Sexton



**Please add these dates to our calendar and plan to join us.**

Wed. 4/27 Restaurant Fundraiser – Presto Pasta 10am – 9pm  
Sun. 5/1 Third Sunday of Easter – service at 10:15am  
Sun. 5/8 Mother's Day and Fourth Sunday of Easter – service at 10:15am  
Sun. 5/15 Fifth Sunday of Easter – service at 10:15am  
11:45am Class One on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*  
Music for Ukraine: Benefit Concert at 6pm, Compliment Service at 7pm  
Sun. 5/22 Sixth Sunday of Easter – service at 10:15am  
11:45am Class Two on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*  
Church Information Series at 6pm on Zoom  
Sun. 5/29 Ascension Sunday – service at 10:15am, 4pm Kite Flying at Harbor Cove  
11:45am Final Class on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*  
Sun. 6/5 Pentecost Sunday – 10:15am service followed by the Pentecost Picnic  
Sat. 6/11 St. Paul's BIG Rummage Sale Extravaganza – *more information to come!*

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 24, 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:***

Audrey, David, Leta, Baby Z, Jorge, Hal, Barb, Lisa, Rachelle, Teresa, Cathy, Christian and Christina, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, poverty, and injustice.

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

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

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

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, 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 Familia 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), Lori Burke (Clerk), Dan Campbell, Kathleen Crookston, Steve Jones, Sarah Lamola, Marcia Semple, Daniel Smithson, Dan Wakelee, 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: *Hillside-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 Wiaowo, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist*, *Center for Spiritual Living*, *An Lac Mission (Buddhist)*, *Mormon Church*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*Tammy Aburto-Pratt, Stacie Shank 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.*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

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## St. Paul's Announcements April 24, 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](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



*Join us as the celebration continues...*

### Third Sunday of Easter, May 1<sup>st</sup>

#### ***Join us every Sunday through the Great 50 Days of Easter.***

Sunday services offered online and in-person at 10:15am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Watch our Facebook page for exciting posts [www.facebook.com/saintpaulsventura](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulsventura) and our YouTube channel for inspiring videos. [www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsventura?sub\\_confirmation=1](https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsventura?sub_confirmation=1) Happy Easter!



*Join us as we raise funds for St. Paul's and enjoy a delicious meal...*

### April Fundraiser – Presto Pasta on Wed. 4/27



See You on

Eat at Presto Pasta at 5722 Telephone Road in Ventura anytime on this day and they will donate 20% of the total bill to St. Paul's. Valid on dine in and take out. Simply show the printed flier or display it on your phone at the restaurant. See your Enewsletter or pick up a flier at the sign-in table. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support!



### Coffee Hour is back!

Kahler Hall will be open following Sunday services for a simple, potluck-style Coffee Hour. Coffee, tea, water and paper goods will be provided. Anyone who would like to bring a snack to share is asked to keep it simple and bring pre-packaged or commercially produced foods. Everything needs to show up plated and ready for people to serve themselves. Serving tongs will be provided. We will all pitch in to help with clean up and assist those around us. We encourage each person or family to decide when and if they are comfortable participating.

### GROWING IN FAITH



### Free Three-Week Class on Practical Forgiveness

**Offered During Coffee Hour in the Community Room** (behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

Join us on Sundays 5/15, 5/22 and 5/29. This video series facilitated by Dan Campbell and Rev. Susan will help us learn how to let go of unforgiveness and spite. In this course, author and consultant Rob Voyle uses his decades of experience in dealing with forgiveness and reconciliation to give us practical steps on how we can let go of the pain of unforgiveness and live in wholeness.



*Thank you for helping feed the hungry!*

### LAST MONDAY, April 18th

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!

	<p><b>Church Information Series - Sunday, May 22 at 6pm on Zoom</b>  <b><i>Getting to Know each other and the Episcopal Church  and Learn about the Seasons of Easter and Pentecost</i></b></p> <p>Whether you're new to the church, ready to explore your faith in new ways, or want to help us offer a warm welcome to everyone, you're invited. Come meet people, ask questions and learn something new. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there! Meeting ID: 843 2505 4293</p>
	<p><b>First Monday Book Club – May 2nd at 5:30pm on Zoom</b></p> <p>Our next book is <i>The Only Woman in the Room</i> by Marie Benedict. The author brings to life a historical character whose talents and achievements have been overlooked. <i>The Only Woman in the Room</i> is the story of Hedy Lamarr. You may recognize her as a Hollywood film star however before arriving in California, she was married to a powerful Austrian arms dealer and was a scientist. Join us on 5/2 for the discussion. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p><b>Volunteers Needed – Altar Guild and Flower Guild</b></p> <p>Were you impressed at how beautiful the sanctuary was for Easter services? Our teams of Altar Guild and Flower Guild members do amazing work! We could really use some additional volunteers to help with Altar Guild and Flower Guild. We serve on teams and are scheduled once a month. Some of our members have learned to do the jobs for both Altar Guild and Flower Guild. No experience is necessary. We are happy to teach you what we know. You'll find it's very rewarding to meet new people and work together to prepare for our beautiful worship services. Please speak with Rev. Susan if you'd like more information. <b>Thank you!</b></p>
	<p><i>Looking for ways to help the people of Ukraine?</i></p> <p><b>A Concert for Hope; A Compline of Peace</b>  <i>Music and Prayers for the People of Ukraine</i>  <b>6pm on Sunday, May 15 at St. Paul's Ventura</b></p> <p>Join us for a combined Music for Ukraine Benefit Concert followed by a special Compline service focused on prayers for peace in the world. The Concert will feature professional musicians from Ventura County. The Compline Service will be presented by St. Paul's Choir.</p> <p>What is Compline? It's a shorter evening service (30-40 minutes) that will be sung a cappella by St. Paul's Choir. Our prayerful offering blends ancient and contemporary musical idioms and styles to usher in the night in a calm and reflective way.</p> <p>Tickets are free and donations are encouraged. 100% of funds collected will support UNICEF's humanitarian response efforts directed toward children and families in Ukraine and neighboring countries offering a safe haven to those displaced. Invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome!</p>
	<p><i>We're collecting new books for young children ages 0-3...</i></p> <p><b>OUTREACH PROJECT – Reach for Early Childhood Literacy</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Episcopal Relief and Development - Help for Ukraine</b></p> <p>As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief &amp; Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis. Please consider partnering with Episcopal Relief &amp; Development who is providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed items. <a href="http://www.episcopalrelief.org">www.episcopalrelief.org</a></p>
	<p><b>ASL Minute</b>  <b>Learning to Sign – One Sunday at a Time</b></p> <p>At St. Paul's we're learning Sign Language. Why? Because we enjoy learning and growing together, because it's a great way to explore the concepts and ideas of our faith, and because all are welcome here. The videos are posted to our YouTube channel. <a href="https://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura">www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura</a>. Please subscribe so you won't miss a thing.</p>

