



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 23, Year C**

**October 9, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.**

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

*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).*

***We ask your patience and thank you for your understanding** - Masks are required in the church at this time because many of those who attend services are especially vulnerable to COVID-19. A limited number of seats on the street side of the church are available for those who prefer or require some extra distance. 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. 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 our upcoming events and latest protocols is to subscribe to our Email Newsletter. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please come see us at the Welcome Table or contact the church office.*

*Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. 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.*



*The angels are dancing again...*

**Listen carefully, you just might hear the angels dancing on the roof!**

*When things heat up, the beams in our beautiful church ceiling expand and creak. No worries! It's just part of this wonderful building's charm. For years, some of our members have said to each other, "Listen, the angels are dancing on the roof again!"*

***Today's flowers are given in appreciation for our Bishop and Canon to the Ordinary by the people of St. Paul's Ventura.***

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

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

### **Prelude**

Fanfare  
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Kenneth Leighton  
arr. James Denton*

### **Processional**

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

**Oh for a thousand tongues to sing**

**Hymnal 493**  
*Today's Cantor: Daniel Smithson*

### **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 forever. 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**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, v.4**

**Hymnal 390**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

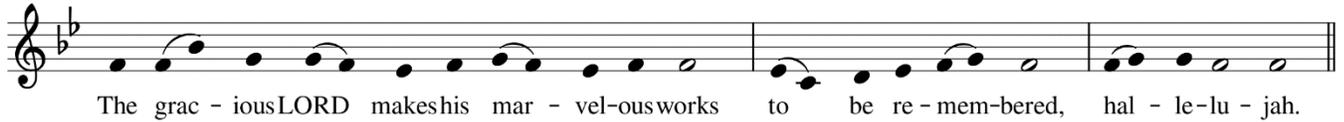
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 111

*The choir will sing the Psalm today.*

*The choir will sing the Antiphon first, followed by the congregation singing the Antiphon.*

## Antiphon



### 1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

*All stand as able to sing.*

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 17:11-19

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy**

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

*All stand as able 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<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*  
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing

<sup>2</sup> Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

For the Church of God, that it may be filled with people dedicated to love, generosity and truth.  
**May your light guide us and shine through us.**

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations; that the work they do may benefit all people. **May your light instill within them the desire to act justly and work for peace.**

For blessings on all human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of all you have created.  
**May we be the instruments through which you reach out to the world.**

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*. **May your light bring hope and healing to all who suffer.**

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*. **May light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Celebrant*

O God, in your infinite generosity, you have created a world filled with resources to sustain all your children. Stir the generosity within each of us so that these resources may be shared. Inspire us when we step out from this place so that we may shine as the Light of Christ to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*BCP p. 360*

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

## **The Absolution**

*BCP p. 360*

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 stand as they are able.*

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

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

## **Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions**

### **Prayer for Our Annual Giving Campaign**

God of grace and abundance, you made us in your image and breathed in us the spirit of life. You have blessed us abundantly. Stir the generosity in our hearts and inspire us to give all that we can and, by your grace, may the gifts that we give become *More Than Enough* to meet the needs of your church for the coming year. Amen.

# ***Liturgy of the Table***

## ***Holy Communion***

### **Offertory Sentence**

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:15,16*



*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**

We give Thee but Thine Own

*Words: William Walsham How  
Music: Neil Harmon*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**O worship the King, all glorious above! v.1-3**

**Hymnal 388**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 S128**

*The service music can be found in the front 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, 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.**

### **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 physically receiving it.*

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 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 gluten-free.*

*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** (dipping) – *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.*

***The Common Cup will be offered on the right side of the altar rail.  
Intinction (dipping) will be offered on the left (Loma Vista) side.***

*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

Impromptu in A-flat Major, Op. 142, No. 2

Franz Schubert

## Wade in the Water

Traditional Spiritual, arr: Carl Haywood

***Chorus: Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.  
Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.***

1. **See that host all dressed in white, God's gonna trouble the water.  
The leader looks like the Israelite. God's gonna trouble the water.**  
***Chorus***
2. **See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna trouble the water.  
Looks like the band that Moses led. God's gonna trouble the water.**  
***Chorus***
3. **Look over yonder, what do I see? God's gonna trouble the water.  
The Holy Ghost a'comin on me. God's gonna trouble the water.**  
***Chorus***
4. **If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's gonna trouble the water.  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's gonna trouble the water.**  
***Chorus***

## Post Communion Prayer:

*Please stand 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.**

*When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

## Recessional

**Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old**

**Hymnal 567**

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

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

The Heavens Rejoice

*Beatrice Miller*

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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/Chalice:</b>	Roger Crow	<b>Lectors:</b>	Teddy Andrews
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Virginia Hernandez	<b>Ushers:</b>	Dan & Joanne Wakelee
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Roger Crow & Pam Klebaum	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Roger Crow & Virginia Hernandez
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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 9, 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:***

Janet, Leta, Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, Bryant, Ed, Barb, Mary, Matthew, Thomas, Vivian, Susan, Nadia, Jeff, Camille, Barbara, Kent, Spencer and her family, Tracy, Rebecca, Jane, all refugees, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, natural disaster, poverty, and injustice.

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

Penny, Phil, Lynn, Audrey, Dennis, Maria, Baby Z, Carol, Amelia, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Ed, Debbie, Marcia and Ron.

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

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

### ***AND PRAYERS OF LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR:***

*First Responders, Teachers, Administrators and School Staff, Children, Families, and those who live alone.*

### ***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
- + All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

### ***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***

*Kent Colberg, Joe Cosgrove, Queen Elizabeth II, George Eisenbrand 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 October 9, 2022

Thank you for joining us today! 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!** Our Sunday services are available 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!  
You can reach us by emailing [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



Today  
at

ST. PAUL'S



Today we welcome a very special guest, the Canon to the Ordinary, Melissa McCarthy, will preach and celebrate for us. *Loose donations made at this service will be donated to Canon McCarthy's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity!*



Annual Giving Campaign...

### Week 4 - 10/9

If you've already pledged, thank you!  
If you haven't, please fill in a pledge card. We appreciate it!  
We ask everyone for a pledge to support St. Paul's through the coming year. With your help we can keep the church going and growing.  
**Thank you for our support!**

*and after church today...*



### Reception filled with Signature Dishes and Things Venturan

It is our great pleasure to have the Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy with us today. Please join us for a reception in her honor. Our thanks to everyone who brought their signature dishes or something Venturan. We appreciate your support!



Thank you!

YOUR PLEDGE  
at WORK

### Because of your generosity... Ways your Pledge Makes a Difference - #3

Music Ministry - Our beautiful and inspiring music lifts our spirits and connects us with God. Your pledge helps us to provide wonderful music as an important part of our worship experience. church, the heart and soul of who we are is expressed in our worship services. Your pledge makes it possible for us to offer weekly worship services as we have for over 133 years. **Thank you!**



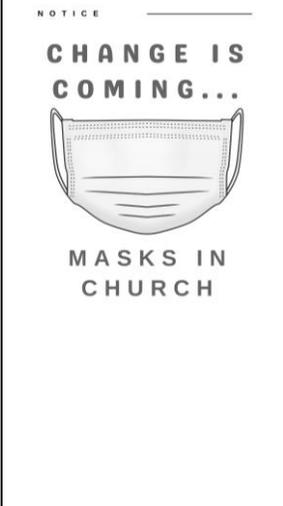
**How will my pledge be used?** Pledges fund our operating expenses. Your pledge makes it possible for us to pay salaries, maintain our facilities, run our office, print our bulletins, present our programs, and serve this community and the world through various kinds of outreach. For a detailed look at how the money will be spent, we are happy to provide you with a copy of this year's operating budget.



Thank you for helping us share the Good News and keep the church growing...

**Today is a BRING-A-FRIEND Sunday**

A warm welcome to all of the friends who are joining us today. It is a pleasure to share the Good News of God in Christ with you. We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation dedicated to following Jesus, making a difference, and welcoming all. If you have any questions or would like to speak with our priest, please let us know. We invite you to sign up for our Email Newsletter. It's easy, just leave your contact information with the greeters at the Welcome Table. Thanks, again, for coming. Please come back again. And thank you to our members who invited friends. We appreciate your help to keep the church we love going and growing.



Change is coming...

**As of 12/1, Masks will become Optional in Church**

Due to recent changes in CDC guidelines, the Vestry is preparing to change our masking protocols. Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, masks will no longer be required, but still strongly encouraged. Please carefully consider what is best for you and your family. During Sunday services we are indoors for longer than one hour with 70-100 people and we sing together. While singing, droplets are known to travel 50 feet or more. **Because of this, we ask that everyone please wear a mask while singing.** Also, because some among us are at higher risk and continue to need some additional distance, we ask that those who prefer not to wear a mask, please sit on the Loma Vista side of the sanctuary. The chapel side of the sanctuary will be reserved for those with masks. We hope this will make it possible for everyone find a place in the church where they can feel safe and comfortable. Thank you for your understanding. You are a shining example of what LOVE looks like.



**Want to Sing with the Choir?**

As St. Paul's and the Music Ministry continue to grow, we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to worship through music with us. We now have two choirs. The Anthem Choir will sing our anthems from the choir loft, which you typically hear during offertory. The Communion Choir will sing our communion anthems from around the piano during, you guessed it!, communion. The Anthem Choir requires ongoing weekly commitments and additional rehearsals, and will remain St. Paul's auditioned choir. The Communion Choir is open to everyone without an audition and does not require weekly commitments; vocal training and rehearsals take place on Sundays before service. If you're interested, please contact our Music Minister, Felix Eisenhauer. [musicminister@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:musicminister@saintpaulsventura.org)



**Small Group Ministries Presentation – Sunday, October 16 during Coffee Hour**

Small groups offer the opportunity to make deeper connections with God and one another, can help us to heal from the isolation and fear we've all experienced in recent years, and are a fun and important way to love and support each other on this journey of faith. Grab a cup of coffee and join us after the service to learn more.



You can make a difference! Every purchase matters...

**Fair Trade Sales – Sunday, 10/16**

St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation, committed to ending the scourge of modern-day slavery. We sell fair trade products through the Equal Exchange to support farm cooperatives around the world giving farmers a fair price and a better future. Locally our sales support ending human trafficking through the Abolitionist Committee. Please stop by our table outside near the fountain to check out delicious chocolate, coffee and tea! Cash and checks accepted. Please see Joanne Wakelee if you have questions.



Mark your calendar and plan to join us for...

**Karaoke Coffee Hour – Sun. 10/23 at 11:30 in Kahler Hall**

Here's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon – come grab a cup of coffee and join in the fun! All are welcome – so bring a friend. We'll put out a "Tip Jar" and all donations will go to support St. Paul's Cantor Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support of this program which provides our wonderful Cantors for Sunday services. Checks and cash are welcome. We'll also have a QR code you can scan to make a donation if you'd like to. We look forward to seeing you there!

	<p><i>A fun event for kids of all ages!</i>  <b>HALLOWEEN PARTY ON THE FOUNTAIN PATIO - Sun, Oct. 30 at 11:45am</b>  Come join in the fun after church on the patio. We'll have candy, contests, games, treats, and lots of fun together. Bring or wear your best costume. (Please no weapons or super scary stuff. Remember we have little ones, too!)  <i>Want to join in the fun and support Youth &amp; Children's Ministries?</i>  <b>SIGN UP TO HOST A TABLE – Sun, October 30 at 11:45am</b>  We're throwing a Halloween Party for the Kids and want to invite you to join in the fun. Sign up to host a table. We'll provide the table, you bring the decorations, Halloween treats and any fun games or activities. (Nothing too scary, though. Remember we have little ones too. Thanks for your support!)</p>
	<p><b>Book Club – November 7 at 5:30pm</b>  Our next selection is The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. This novel is inspired by historical events drawn from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as freed slaves searched for their loved ones. This is the story of three young women on a journey in search of family amidst the destruction of the post-Civil War South and of a modern-day teacher who rediscovers their story and its connection to her own students' lives.  All are welcome! Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p><i>Please invite your friends and plan to join us...</i>  <b>St. Paul's Holiday Market Fundraiser - Dec. 9, 10, &amp; 11</b>  <b>Volunteers and Donations Needed</b>  Please mark your calendars and help us spread the word. Volunteers are needed. Please see sign up sheet at the Welcome Table or check out your Enews. Donations needed: Rummage Sale items and Kids shop items can be dropped off before and after church each Sunday beginning Nov. 6; Baked Goods can be dropped off on 12/10 and 12/11. <b>Thank you so much!</b></p>
	<p><i>Check out this Week's Resources...</i>  <b>To Help You Grow in Faith</b>  <a href="https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/">https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/</a>  After an uplifting and inspiring Sunday service, we're sent out into the world to love and serve the Lord. It's wonderful, but there's so much more to living a faithful life than just going to church - so, we publish a list of weekly resources to help you grow in faith. Learn simple spiritual practices, get ideas for how to put your faith in action, receive a blessing to start off every week. You can also enjoy beautiful music, hear inspiring messages, and learn how to live a more fulfilling life.</p>
	<p><i>Want to put your faith in action and help make a difference in the world?</i>  <b>FAITH IN ACTION – October SUGGESTION of the Month</b>  This month consider joining with other Episcopalians who are urging Congress to act to Support the Global Fight Against Malnutrition. From 1990 to 2020, the number of children under 5 years ailing from chronic malnutrition has decreased from 253 million to 144 million globally. Investments by the U.S. and others have contributed greatly to this progress. However, malnutrition continues to be one of the top risk factors contributing to nearly half of all preventable deaths among children under age five and the global pandemic has made things much more challenging for families. You can find more information at <a href="https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/">https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/</a> and click on "Support the Global Fight Against Malnutrition"</p>
	<p><i>This month let's help our animal friends...</i>  <b>October: REACH for Paws to help Homeless Pets</b>  Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. The wish list is canned pet food, pet treats, blankets (no comforters, please), pill pockets, slip leads (a type of leash), laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags, a "fur"ever home!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i>  <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>  Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. 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. <b>Thank you so much!</b></p>