



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



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## **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Rite II, Year A**

**January 15, 2023 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).*

***COVID-19 Safety Protocols** – In keeping with CDC guidelines and county recommendations, masks are no longer 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. Since singing can cause droplets to travel, we encourage mask wearing while singing. Also, because some among us are at higher risk and continue to need some additional distance, we've reserved the chapel side of the sanctuary for those with masks. Open seating (masks optional) is available on the Loma Vista side of the sanctuary. 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.*

*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 everything that's going on at St. Paul's 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 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.*

***Today's flowers were given in loving memory of Carol Wright.***

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

## **Holy Eucharist** **Liturgy of the Word**

**Prelude**

Rondo Esperessivo

*C.P.E.Bach, arr. George Blake*

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

**Processional**

**Christ whose glory fills the skies**

**Hymnal 7**

*Daniel Smithson, Cantor*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

*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**

Isaiah 49:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

**Psalm 40:1-12**

The response appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 40. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses. The congregation is invited to read the even-numbered verses.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.**
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.**
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## Gradual Hymn

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word**

**Hymnal 440**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

*Please remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Anthony Guillén

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer 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.**

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

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

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*

Let us pray for the church and the world, saying, Lord, have mercy.

Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lift from all people the burdens of poverty, war and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Guide those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Strengthen us to care for the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and all who suffer. Open our hands and our hearts to embrace all who are in need especially *(The people may add their petitions either silently or aloud.)* For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We remember before you all whom we love but see no longer, especially Marcia Wakelee, Carol Wright, Ann Powell *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*. Give them peace and eternal rest. For this we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

O God, you revealed your will through prophets and sages. By your Holy Spirit, lead us in faith, inspire us in love and bring us together in peace with all people from every race, nation, tribe, and language. **Amen.**

## Confession

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.**

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.*

## Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

### *Liturgy of the Table*

#### Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



*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

*O, for a closer walk with God*

*C. Stanford*

#### Presentation Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Songs of thankfulness and praise v. 1-2**

**Hymnal 135**

#### Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer B

*BCP p. 367*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy**

**Hymnal S125**

*Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal*

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

*The congregation is invited to stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before

you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*BCP p.364*

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

### **Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you**

**to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.**

## 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 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. It can be found online at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)*

## Communion Music

Improvisation on the day's hymn

*Felix Eisenhauer*

### I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*Music: Indian Folk Melody,*

*Words: ascribed to an Indian prince, arranged by Felix Eisenhauer*



1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ I have d -  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one  
3. The wolrd be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_ The world be -



cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_  
join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_  
hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ No turn-ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn-ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_ No turn-ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn-ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_ No turn-ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn-ing back! \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Communion Prayer**

*BCP p. 365*

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

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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.**

**Blessing**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage to find the Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Recessional**

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**

**Hymnal 535**

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

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

A Trumpet Air

*David Paxton*

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***Please join us in thanking those serving this week:***

<b>Server:</b>	Kara Craven	<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Gold & Judy Drew
<b>Chalice:</b>	Christopher Craven	<b>Ushers:</b>	Wendy VanHorn & Eric Craven
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy
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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 15, 2023***

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:***

Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, Mary, Barbara, Janet, Patrick, Larry, Joanne, Barb, Bert, Alan, Samantha, Esteban, Alfredo, Mary Morgan, 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, Amelia, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Ed, Debbie, Carol, Vivian, Ron and Ulrich.

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

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + 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 Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

For Marcia Wakelee, Thomas Ranieri, Carol Wright, Ann Powell and all those we love and see no longer.

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month but can be renewed if needed. Please contact the church office to add or extend a prayer request and to let us know how things are going.*

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# St. Paul's Announcements January 15, 2023

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.



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)



*Please join us in welcoming our guest preacher today, the Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén.*

*Thanks for joining us on...*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**



This week we'll explore a lesson from the Gospel of John in which John the Baptist declares, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Though John insisted that Jesus was ranked ahead of him, Jesus came to him to be baptized. The next day, John saw Jesus walking by and exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" Those who went and listened to him were convinced and shared the good news, "We have found the Messiah!" Today we will hear inspiring scripture, beautiful music and an uplifting message of hope and love. Come to church and get inspired!

**and after church today...**



**You are Invited to Coffee Hour to Enjoy Fellowship AND Help Us Assemble the Lunches to Feed the Hungry on Mon.** We invite you to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, tea, or water and the chance to sit and chat with one another. In the church, we call this fellowship. It's one of our favorite parts of being on this journey of faith together. So, when you're available, please plan to join us.

## Annual Meeting



**Please Join Us Sun. February at 11:30am in 5<sup>th</sup> Kahler Hall and on Zoom**

*Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this very important meeting...*

## **Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Parish – Sunday, February 5th at 11:30am**

Once a year we gather to do the business of the church. Please mark your calendar and join us. The meeting will be held in Kahler Hall AND also available on Zoom (see below for Zoom information). All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance to have a quorum. At this important meeting we will elect new Vestry members and Representatives to Diocesan Convention as well as receive reports from groups and committees and review the finances and budget for the coming year.

**To connect on Zoom: Meeting ID 825 9328 1236 Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593281236>**

The Parish Rolls have been published and the list of qualified electors is available for your review in the church office upon request. You can also check whether you are listed as a qualified elector by contacting us at 805 643-5033 or [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)

We are asking that nominations be made in advance for this meeting. For information about how to make a nomination, please see your email newsletter or contact the church office. Thank you!

	<p>Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?  <b>A warm welcome to you!</b> We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.</p>
	<p><i>Our current outreach project is...</i>  <b>FEEDING OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS</b>  We're raising the funds to purchase the food and paper goods used for when we take our turn once a month at the Family to Family lunch ministry. We serve over one hundred lunches each third Monday of the month. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to carry us through until Fall. <i>Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!</i></p>
	<p><b>We're up Tomorrow - MONDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Please pray for the wonderful volunteers who will serve lunch to our hungry neighbors tomorrow. We appreciate your support and look forward to the time when we can serve inside and recruit more volunteers again.</i></p>
	<p><b>Book Club – Next meeting is Monday, February 6th</b>  The First Monday Book Club is open to all. We gather on Zoom to discuss the current book selection. We thoroughly enjoyed 'A Gentleman in Moscow,' so we decided to read another book by the same author, Amor Towles. We chose 'Rules of Civility.' The story takes place in the upper echelons of New York City society in the 1930s. The protagonist will need to rely on her bracing wit and cool nerve. It is filled with intricate imagery and themes and immensely appealing characters.  Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p><i>We couldn't do it without you!</i>  <b>Because of your generosity,</b>  St. Paul's is able to create bulletins, email newsletters, video messages and resources to help you GROW in faith. Your pledge makes so much possible, and we are so grateful for your support. Thank you!</p>
	<p><b>Giving Flowers in Memory or in Thanksgiving</b>  Donating the flowers for a Sunday service is a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. It's quick and easy to arrange, and really helps the church too! Use an envelope from the pew rack in front of your seat or email us the information. Enclose a donation, (\$65-\$100 is suggested), or go to our website and click "Giving". Be sure to mention that it's a Flower Donation. We look forward to remembering or celebrating with you, and we appreciate your support!</p>
	<p><i>Special Donations Requested...</i>  <b>RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:</b> Donations to this fund are used at the Rector's discretion to help those in need. Because of our generosity, we have been able to help families who need assistance for a variety of reasons. Beautiful things happen because you care. Thank you!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our 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 share.  <b>Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.</b></p>



**February 5, 2023**  
**February 22, 2023**  
**April 2, 2023**  
**April 9, 2023**

**Annual Meeting – 11:30am**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Easter Sunday**

And while you have your calendar open,  
please consider adding Sunday mornings at 10:15am.  
We'd love to have you join us as we worship and praise the Lord.

## Preparing for the Annual Meeting

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am

in Kahler Hall and on also available on Zoom

### **Why have an Annual Meeting?**

To conduct the business of the church.

### **Who needs to attend?**

All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a **quorum of 50 members**.

### **What happens at the Annual Meeting?**

We vote for new Vestry members and elect our delegates to Diocesan Convention.  
We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church  
and review our finances and the budget for the coming year.

### **Who can Vote at this Meeting?**

Though everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, in order to vote, one must be a qualified elector. According to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Canon IV 4.04  
The following shall be qualified electors: Any person sixteen years of age or over and attendant upon the services of the Parish, who for the previous twelve (12) months have been registered upon the Parish Rolls as  
a baptized communicant in good standing of that parish;  
the list of qualified electors shall be published by the Vestry  
no less than 30 days prior to any special or annual meeting of the Parish.

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Rather than accepting nominations from the floor, we ask you submit nominations in advance.  
You may nominate yourself or another person.

Each nominee must meet the qualifications and be willing to serve.

For further information about making a nomination, see your email newsletter or contact the church office.

***Please mark it on your calendar and arrange to be with us. Thank you!***