



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Transfiguration

**Proper 13, Year A**

**August 6, 2023 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).

**Safety Protocols** –Because some among us are at higher risk and continue to want some additional distance, we've reserved the chapel side of the sanctuary for those with masks. Masks are optional on the Loma Vista side. 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. 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.

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact the church office to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am. Children are invited to join Miss Cassidy 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.

Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping 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!**

As 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 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!*

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

**Prelude**

Holy of Holies

*Lani Smith*

**Processional**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

**Hymnal 7**

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

*Cantor: Daniel Smithson*

**Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

**O bless the Lord, my soul v. 1-2**

**Hymnal 411**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and 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**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 99**

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 99. We will read it responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*

**he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*

**he is high above all peoples.**

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
**they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

## Second Reading

2 Peter 1:13-21

A Reading from the second letter of Peter.

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

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

## Gradual Hymn

**Take my life, and let it be**

**Hymnal 707**

*All stand as able to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

**People**        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*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, we pray to you, Lord God.

Father, we pray for your holy Church:

**That we all may be one.**

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

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble and all who suffer in mind, body and spirit, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.)* Let us pray to the Lord;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.)* Let us pray to the Lord;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

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

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Celebrant*

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

## The 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.**

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

# *Liturgy of the Table*

## *Holy Communion*

## Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



*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

Thou art, O God

*B. Moliqve*

Thou art, O God, the life and light of all this wondrous world we see;  
by day its smile by night, are but reflections caught from Thee!  
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine, and all things fair and bright are Thine.  
When day with farewell beam, delays among the op'ning clouds of Even',  
and we can almost think we gaze through golden vistas into Heaven  
those hues that make the sun's decline so soft, so radiant, Lord! are Thine.  
When Night, with wings of starry gloom, 'er shadows all the earth and skies,  
like some dark beauteous bird, whose plume is sparkling unnumbered eyes,  
that sacred gloom, those fires divine, so grand, so countless, Lord! are Thine.  
When youthful Spring around us breathes, Thy Spirit warms her fragrant sigh;  
and ev'ry flow'r the Summer wreathes, is born beneath that kindling eye,  
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine, and all things fair and bright are Thine.

## Presentation Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Doxology

## Hymnal 380 v. 3

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer C

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

## Santo, santo, santo

**W785**

**Santo, santo, santo**

**Holy, holy, holy**

**Mi corazon te adora!**

**My heart, my heart adores you!**

**Mi corazon te sabe decir:**

**My heart is glad to say the words:**

**Santo eres Señor.**

**You are holy Lord.**

*You are invited to stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**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 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 stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the Eucharist. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.

**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.**

Regardless of which side you are sitting on, when you come forward, please go to whichever side is offering the wine in the way you prefer to receive it.

Those receiving by intinction are asked to help themselves to a small paper cup.

Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer.

**You may also choose to return to your seat without receiving the wine.**

Be assured that it is a sufficient experience of communion.

**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

Selections from the works of Max Richter

Felix Eisenhauer

### The Lord is my light and my salvation

Lilliam Bouknight  
arr. Paul Gainer

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and  
my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion; whom  
shall I\_ fear? Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?. The  
Lord is the strenth of\_ my. life; whom shall I fear? In the time. of  
trou-ble, He shall hide me, O in the time. of trou-ble, He shall hide me,  
in the time. of trou-ble, He shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

## 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.**

**Blessing**

May the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And may 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 wondrous type! O vision fair, v. 1-3**

**Hymnal 137**

*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:</b>	Kara Craven	<b>Lector:</b>	Christopher Craven
<b>Server:</b>	Miles Sexton	<b>Ushers:</b>	Dan Wakelee & Sally Weimer
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Louise Bretz & Pam Klebaum	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Sarah Lamola & Tegan Jones
<b>Cantor:</b>	Daniel Smithson	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Patricia Malchak
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**8/20 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Father Anthony's Presentation

**8/27 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Back to School Blessings and Picnic in the Park

**9/1 Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium**

**9/10 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Homecoming!

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 6, 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:***

Bert, Mary Morgan, Matthew, Michelle, Ray, Tisha, Lisa, Andy, all refugees, first responders, 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, Rachel, Dave, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian and Kristi.

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

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

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

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- + 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.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*Brian, Gloria Burke 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 August 6, 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.

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**

**and after church today...**

Please join us in welcoming our guest priest today, the Reverend Canon Greg Larkin



## Today is the Transfiguration, Year A

This week we learn about the Transfiguration – a time when Jesus took Peter, John and James with him up on a mountain to pray. While they were there, Jesus' appearance changed. He began to glow, and his clothes became a dazzling white. Because they stayed awake, the disciples got to see this glory and two men who stood with Jesus – Moses and Elijah. Come learn about mountaintop experiences and why we are called both to climb the mountain and, afterward, to return to share the good news with others. Come hear amazingly beautiful music, inspiring scripture, and an uplifting message of hope and love. Come to church and get inspired!



## Join us for Coffee Hour

In-person worshippers are invited to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, or tea and some refreshments. This gives us 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.



## Wed. Morning Spiritual Experience - Listening to the Lord's Prayer.

It is said that *the bodies of the early Christians were shaped by the Lord's Prayer*. What might that look like? To embody the Lord's Prayer and bring it to life in the everyday? Come and be a small group of spiritual companions interested in listening closely to the Lord's Prayer through *lectio divina*, movement and the lead of the Holy Spirit. We will meet in the side chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal church on Wednesdays, 9-10am from July 19-August 9. If you are interested in participating in this 4 week gathering of spiritual companions to listen more deeply to the Lord's Prayer, please join us on Wednesdays in the chapel. For more information, please contact the church office.

**Book Club**

## Book Club – Monday, August 7 at 5:30pm on Zoom

The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Our next book is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict. Benedict is one of our favorite historical fiction authors and we have enjoyed several of her novels. This is the story of the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune-an unlikely friendship that changed the world. They are drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education. Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1<sup>st</sup>monday



### Ventura Dreamin' at Plaza Park on August 19th

Greg Larkin is hosting our Episcopal Deanery One booth this year for Ventura Pride on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for volunteers to help staff the booth for an hour during the event and/or help with the set up or tear down. There is a clipboard available at coffee hour for signing up or contact the church office for more information!



### Summer Sunday School!

This Summer we're presenting a series, entitled "Mending God's World". During each two week unit, we will explore the themes of: Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray and Rest. Children from age 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us!



*This time we're reaching out to support a Way Out of Homelessness*

### OUTREACH PROJECT

Last month we REACHED for Back to School. Thank you for all your support!

*Your generosity is appreciated.*

Turning Point Foundation's River Haven Project offers a path to hope and the promise of transitioning out of homelessness. Sheltered in tiny houses manufactured by Tuff Sheds and supported by case managers, residents receive job training, medical attention and drug, alcohol and mental health services. You can help by donating any of the following items: razors and shaving cream, dental floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel, mouthwash, bug spray for mosquitos, sunscreen lotion, bath towels and washcloths, heavy socks, canned food, small & large dog food and cat food, notepads, pencils and journals, books & board games, individual trash cans, buckets, PPE - masks and gloves, and heavy blankets. Red REACH bags are available for your convenience. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action. For more information, go to: <https://turningpointfoundation.org/river-haven-housing/>



*Interested in checking out a ministry this summer?*

### Summer Ministry Experiences

If you've wondered what it would be like to serve the church in some of our most important ministries or would like to learn more about the church and how it functions, you're invited to have a Summer Ministry Experience. We'll connect you with the ministry team or teams of your choice and arrange a week (or more) for you to join in and experience a ministry that interests you. No prior experience necessary. We'll be pleased to have you join us!

CHOOSE FROM:

**Pick Up Choir** – Sing with our wonderful choir.

**Altar Guild** - Learn about our sacred vessels and how to set the church for services

**Usher** – Help greet worshipers and assist with the service

**Flower Guild** - Learn how to make beautiful flower arrangements

**Welcome Greeter** – Join one of our friendly teams that greet everyone on Sundays.

**SUMMER SERVICES** will be powerful, uplifting, and run just over an hour. Join us for interesting lessons, moving sermons and great fellowship with friends, old and new. We are so blessed to live here! Come to church and still have time to hit the beach and enjoy some summer fun!

**FANS** have been installed along the outer aisle for your comfort. As things heat up in our warmer months, please feel free to turn them on. Check with those around you, perhaps the oscillating feature would be helpful. Be mindful of the needs of others. We encourage those who prefer to be away from the fans to sit toward the center of the church.





*Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature?*  
**Reflections on the Labyrinth and Family Potluck**  
**Spirituality in Nature Group – Monday, August 16 at 6:00 PM**  
 Do you find God in nature? The goals of the Spirituality in Nature Groups are to explore nature to better understand what it means to be stewards of God’s creation, and to strengthen our connection with the amazing natural world around us. We invite you to join us for a Family Potluck on 8/16 at 6pm here at the church. We will be using the Labyrinth and Kahler Hall.



*Summer sun means pick-up choir fun!*  
**Summer Pick Up Choir**  
 Want to experience what it's like to be in St. Paul's Choir but can't commit year round? No problem, join us on any (or all Sundays) starting today, June 11<sup>th</sup>, to participate in our Summer Pick-Up Choir. Meet us in the choir room at 9:30am for warm-ups, vocal exercises, and to learn the communion hymn for the day. From there, we'll head over to the labyrinth for a moment of reflection and to pray the Choristers' Prayer. Then we'll take our seats in the "choir pews" (the pews across from the piano) and support the congregation in their musical worship. We don't wear choir robes over summer - keeps us cooler! Questions? Ask Felix, our Music Minister.



**2024 Choir Pilgrimage Tour**  
 St. Paul's Choir is embarking on an adventure, a life-changing journey and YOU are invited! Learn about the choir tour and pilgrimage to Italy and Switzerland in 2024, why we are doing this, and how to support us to make this dream a reality go to <https://sites.google.com/view/choirtour/home>  
**HOW YOUR DONATION CAN HELP**  
 Your donations will support the 2024 Music Ministry Tour & Pilgrimage and help to cover the cost of fundraising, as well as tour and travel expenses. Any remaining funds will support the music ministry in endeavors that may incur expenses beyond what the Music Ministry's regular budget can support. Examples would be tours, pilgrimages, performance opportunities that may have a fee, or expenses involved with traveling to sing at other venues/churches. When donating through PayPal or with a check, be sure to add the memo – for Choir Pilgrimage Tour. Thank you!



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**Thank you for your generosity!**  
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