



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.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, www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura.

Safety Protocols –Because some among us are at higher risk and continue to want some additional distance, we’ve reserved several pews in the front on 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 to 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 Nairi 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!”

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Psalms for Organ: Ps.83, Ps.61, Ps.37

Emma Lou Diemer

Announcements

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Entrance Hymn

Here in Christ we gather

Hymnal 577

Cantor: Sophia Cotsis

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

*Celebrant
People*

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

BCP p. 351

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.

Trisagion

Hymnal S102

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

The response appointed for this service is from Psalm 116. We will read it responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

10 How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

12 I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

13 Precious in your sight, O God *
is the death of your servants.

14 O God, I am your servant; *
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.

16 I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,

17 In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Gradual Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

(follows on next page)

Please stand as you are able and join in singing.

1. Will you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as
 2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, fel low trav'l-ers
 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
 4. I will weep when you are weep-ing, when you laugh, I'll
 5. When we sing to God in hea-ven, we shall find such
 6. Will you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as

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1. Christ to you? Pray that I might have the grace to
 2. on the road; we are here to help each o-ther
 3. of your fear, I will hold my hand out to you,
 4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor-row
 5. har-mo-ny, born of all we've known to-geth-er
 6. Christ to you? Pray that I might have the grace to

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1. let you be my ser-vant, too.
 2. walk the mile and bear the load.
 3. speak the peace you long to hear.
 4. till we've seen this jour-ney through.
 5. of Christ's love and a-gon-y.
 6. let you be my ser-vant, too.

Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Remain standing and face the Gospel

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Sermon

Drew Darby, Seminary Intern

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Washing of Feet

Please stand as you are able.

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines at the front of the main aisle. When it is your turn, sit down on the chair and remove your shoes and socks.

Meditation

Guitar Improvisation

Reid Edwards

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They'll Know We Are Christians

Peter Scholtes

VERSES



1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side,
4. All ___ praise to the Fa - ther, From ___ whom all things come,



1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side,
4. And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His ___ on - ly ___ Son,



1. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
2. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save ___ each one's pride.
4. And all praise to the Spir - it, who ___ makes ___ us ___ one.

REFRAIN



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love, Yes they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Server

We gather as the household of God, apostles, prophets, martyrs and servants, to pray for the church and all humankind, saying: Come, Lord Jesus.

For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

For those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

For the body of Christ fractured in a world of violence and war, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

For all in any need, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

For ourselves, as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover in the bread we eat and the cup we drink, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant

God our Savior, hear the prayers of your family, gathered to proclaim the death of your Son until he comes. Pour forth on all humankind your blessings of life, harmony, and true freedom, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Priest stands and says

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.**

Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Liturgy of the Table

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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



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

Offertory

A New Commandment

Malcolm Archer

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Go to dark Gethsemane

Hymnal 171

Great Thanksgiving

Please remain standing as you are able.

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:

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

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

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 and Rachel; 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.

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

Spiritual Communion

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

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

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

The Invitation

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

For in-person worshipers: Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to 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

Communion Music


Improvisation on the Day's Hymns

Felix Eisenhauer

Let Us Break Bread Together

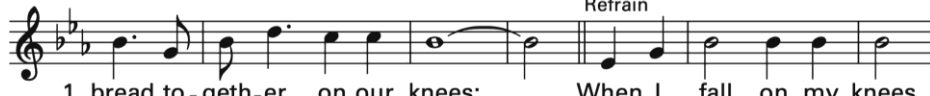
Spiritual

Verses




1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us break
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; Let us drink
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; Let us praise

Refrain



1. bread to-gether on our knees; When I fall on my knees,
2. wine to-gether on our knees;
3. God to-gether on our knees;



With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Post Communion Prayer

Please 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

Blessing

May God, who led Israel out of slavery into freedom, may Christ, who led us out of death into life, and may the Holy Spirit, who leads us out of fear into boldness, abide with you this Holy Thursday, in the holy days ahead, and forevermore. **Amen.**

The lights dim.

Stripping of the Altar

The flame from the sanctuary lamp is transferred to a candle. The ciborium containing the reserve sacrament is prepared.

Reservation of the Sacrament on the Altar of Repose

The congregation stands as they are able while the Altar Party and Altar Guild process to the Side Chapel with the reserved sacrament.

Music

Please be seated.

Stay With Me

**Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray**

Wonder Love & Praise 826

Psalm 22

Please sit or kneel as you prefer.

**Antiphon: They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
They curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.**
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.**
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.**

- 17 **They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**
- 18 **Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- 19 **Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**
- 20 **Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- 21 **I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**
- 22 **Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 **For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him, he hears them.**
- 24 **My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 **For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**
- 28 **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 **My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**
- 30 **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**

**Antiphon: They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

Main lights go off. The furniture is turned over.

Single Voice from the Chapel:

Stay with me, remain here with me.
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

The service ends in silence.

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