



**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



*Online Bulletin*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 12, 2024 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 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 worshipping with us. Let us know if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.



*The angels are dancing again...*

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

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 were given through the generosity of your pledges and donations.**

*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**

All Glory Be to God on High – Chorale Prelude for organ  
 Fanfare on Llanfair

*Samuel Scheidt  
 Raymond Haan*

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

**Processional**

**Hail the day that sees him rise**

**Hymnal 214**  
*Cantor: Annelise Ebell*

**Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

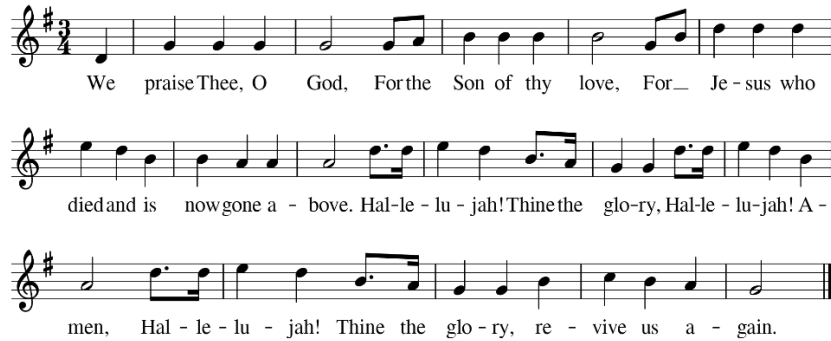
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Revive Us Again

*Words: William MacKay*

*Music: John Hubbard*



We praise Thee, O God, For the Son of thy love, For Je - sus who  
died and is now gone a - bove. Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A -  
men, Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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

## First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*Please be seated.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

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

## Psalm 1

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 1. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses and the congregation is invited to read the even-numbered verses.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

## Gradual Hymn

**When Christ was lifted from the earth**

**Hymnal 603**

*All stand as able to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and

yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Vicki Mouradian

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

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

*Server*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant*

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

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

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

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

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

## **Prayer for Mother's Day**

Today, we give thanks to God for everyone who's ever loved us, nourished us, cared for us, prayed for us, held our hand when we were scared, celebrated our accomplishments, cried and mourned with us, taught us, led us, guided us, and made us feel deeply loved and valued.

**Holy God, thank you for the blessings we've received through these wonderful people. We pray that you will bless them today and always. Amen.**

# ***Liturgy of the Table***

## ***Holy Communion***

## **Offertory Sentence**

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

*Ephesians 5:2*



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

**Offertory**

O Lord, In Thee We Put Out Trust

G.F. Handel, arr. Hal H. Hopson

**Presentation Hymn****The Lord ascendeth up on high****Hymnal 219***Please stand as you are able.***The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer D

*The people remain standing as they are able.**Celebrant* The Lord be with you.**People** **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.**People** **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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

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

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

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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

### **Spiritual Communion**

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

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

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

### **The Invitation**

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

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*For in-person worshippers: 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

Improvisation on the Day's Hymns

Felix Eisenhauer

### He is King of Kings

Spiritual, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords; Je-sus Christ, the first and last  
no man works like Him. He is no man works like Him. 1. He  
2. I  
built His throne up in the air— no man works like Him; 1. And  
was young when but I be - gun— 2. But  
D.S.  
call the saints from ev - 'er where no man works like Him. He is  
now my race is al - most won—

## Post Communion Prayer:

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

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

*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

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

## Recessional Hymn

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus!**

**Hymnal 460**

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

## Dismissal

*Celebrant  
People*

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

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

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

<b>Server:</b>	Drew Darby & Roger Crow	<b>Lector:</b>	Laura Andrews & John Dilworth
<b>Chalice:</b>	Virginia Hernandez	<b>Ushers:</b>	Susan & Rob Talmadge
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Pranhav Rajan	<b>Cantor:</b>	Annelise Ebell
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Roger Crow & Susan Talmadge	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Roger Crow & Virginia Hernandez
<b>Video Production:</b>	Woody Bretz	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Kay Armstrong
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Mother's Day Brunch	<b>Lock-up Team:</b>	Woody Bretz



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

- Sun. 5/19 Pentecost Sunday – service at 10:15 am
- Wed. 5/22 Vestry Meeting – 6:30 pm in the Library
- Sun. 5/26 Trinity Sunday and Choir/Musician Appreciation – service at 10:15am
- Sat. 6/1 Rummage Sale – 9am – 1:30pm
- Sun. 6/2 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am
- Sun. 6/9 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am
- Sun. 6/16 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and Choir Tour Commission – service at 10:15 am

**Rummage Sale - Sat. June 1<sup>st</sup> 9am – 1:30pm in Kahler Hall**



You can begin dropping off items as of May 1<sup>st</sup> on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 9am -3pm. Please contact the church office to let us know you're coming – 805 643-5033. Items can also be dropped off after church. Invite your friends to join us and help support the church for this important fundraiser. And if you can volunteer to assist us, please let us know.

We really appreciate your support!

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 12, 2024***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson, Greg Larkin, Vicki Mouradian
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, Kathy, Rev. Susan, Barbara, Barb, Mary, Alan, 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, Debbie, Carol, Vivian and Ulrich.

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

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

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

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home
- + All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

***IN MEMORIAM***

*All those we love but see no longer.*

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



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# St. Paul's Announcements May 12, 2024

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.**

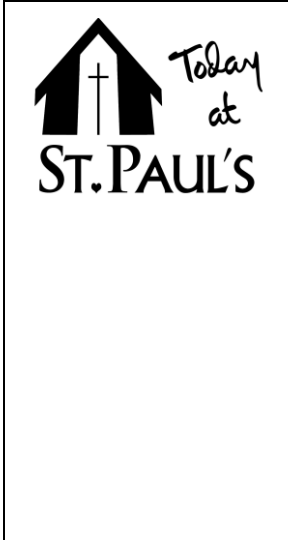


## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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)



**Today is the SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER and the celebration continues!**

Join us this Sunday as we remember the Ascension, the occasion when the risen Christ rose into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days. Come learn about this important story of our faith. Come enjoy inspiring scripture, beautiful prayers, wonderful music and an uplifting message of hope and love. Come get inspired! And join us for a Mother's Day Brunch in Kahler Hall!

**You are Invited to our Mother's Day Brunch!**

We invite you to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a Mother's Day celebration. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children (6-12) and seniors, children 5 and under are free; a family ticket (2 adults and however many children) is \$60.



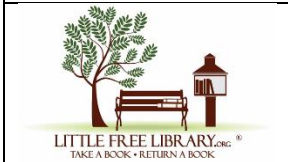
Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?  
**A warm welcome to you!** We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.




**UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES**  
**5/19 Pentecost; 11/3 All Saints Day, Observed** (and other dates can be arranged)  
We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Greg/Rev. Vicki or call the office to make arrangements.



*We're collecting new books for young children ages 0-3...*  
**OUTREACH PROJECT - Reach for Early Childhood Literacy**  
This month, St. Paul's is doing to do an early childhood book drive in support of Reach Out and Read, a national literacy program currently being run through the county medical system. In this model, children receive a book when they see their doctor for a well-baby visit. Take a REACH bag and bring it back with books to donate.



**Little Free Library** - St. Paul's provides hundreds of books each year to visitors to the hospital and people in our neighborhood through our Little Free Library. Books of general interest are welcome (please no magazines or technical titles). If you have a few gently used books to share, you can bring them to the church office.

	<p><b>Family to Family</b> – We are switching back to preparing a hot meal when we serve lunch at Family to Family. This means that on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> we need people to help cook beginning at about 9 am at the Family to Family kitchen; for those who want to serve please be at the kitchen by 11:15 am. The kitchen is located at 330 North Ventura Avenue in Ventura (next to Catholic Charities). For more information, please contact Dan Wakelee at <a href="mailto:dan.wakelee@gmail.com">dan.wakelee@gmail.com</a>.</p>
	<p><b>Wanted – Reward in May – Silver and Gold Roundup - Donate to St. Paul’s!</b> Do you have lonely “onesies” in your jewelry box or junk drawer? One gold or silver cufflink, one earring? Do you have broken chains, outdated class rings, tie backs, ID bracelets, Rolexes that you will never wear again? The value of old, broken or out of fashion jewelry adds up fast. Get rid of unused, inherited items and things from past relationships. If you are unsure if your item is gold or silver, bring it in and we will take care of the rest. St. Paul’s wants to help you with this! Don’t let items sleep in a drawer... We will be collecting all of these gold and silver treasures to convert to cash to support St. Paul’s.</p>
	<p><b>Book Club – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm on Zoom</b> The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Our next book will be <i>Tom Lake</i> by Ann Patchett. <i>Tom Lake</i> is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. Our book for July will be <i>The Frozen River</i> by Ariel Lawhon. Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1<sup>st</sup>monday</p>
	<p><b>Two invitations from the Men's Group.</b> We hope that you can join us for one or both of these weekly activities: <b>Tuesday Evening Bible Study</b> - We meet at 6 p.m. at Winchesters Grill on Main Street for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. We are starting a new study of the book of Galatians. <b>Friday Morning Breakfast</b> - We meet at 7 a.m. at Black Bear Diner on Harbor Boulevard for breakfast, fellowship and a study of the lectionary reading appointed for the week.</p>
	<p><b>MULTI LINGUAL SPEAKERS NEEDED – Pentecost Sunday – May 19<sup>th</sup></b> Spanish, Italian, Latin, French, Tagalog, Russian, Greek and more (please let us know if you would like to read a language not listed here) are needed for Pentecost Sunday. See Rev. Greg or call the office for your copy of John 20:19-23 in the language of your choice. All will read together on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:15 service. And if you can, you are invited to wear red on this special day when we’ll celebrate the birthday of the church.</p>
	<p><b>Choir and Musician Recognition, Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup></b> Please join us as we show our appreciation for the amazingly talented members of our Choir and Music Department. We are so grateful for the inspiration they share with us! Your cards and comments are welcome. This is a great time to say, “Thank You!”</p>
	<p><b>Looking for a volunteer opportunity?</b> We are looking for ushers and greeters to help with Sunday services. Free training provided! Speak with Rev. Greg, Rev. Vicki, Drew Darby or call the office and leave a message. We need 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!</b></p>