



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

**May 19, 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 Ana, 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!"*

***Today's flowers are given in memory of the May passing of Bob Wright and Jill Wright Mora, and in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jill's twins, Serena and Cedar by Alice Tyson.***

*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**

Variations on Veni, Creator Spiritus

*L. Smith, D. Lasky, R. Quisguard*

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

### **Processional**

**Hail thee, festival day!**

**Hymn 225**

*Cantor: Reid Edwards*

### **Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

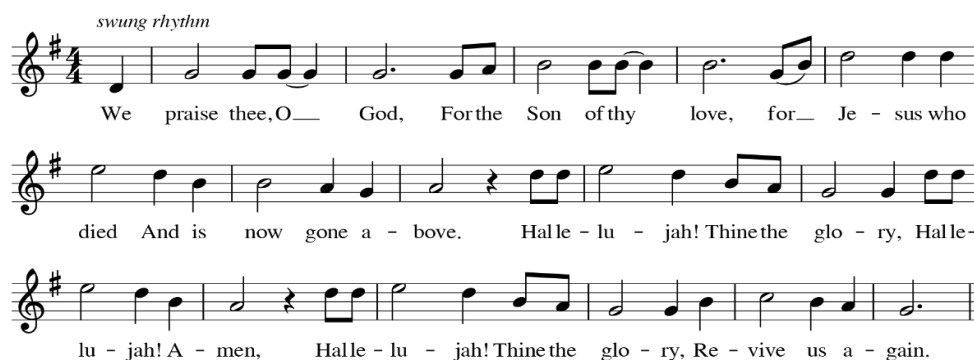
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Revive Us Again

*Words: William McKay,  
Music: John Husband*

*swing rhythm*



We praise thee, O God, For the Son of thy love, for Je - sus who  
died And is now gone a - bove. Halle - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Halle -  
lu - jah! A - men, Halle - 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.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 104. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works; \*  
**in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
**creatures both small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
**which you have made for the sport of it.**
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
**to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
**you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
**may the Lord rejoice in all creation.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
**He touches the mountains and they smoke.**
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.**
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
**Hallelujah!**

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

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

**Gradual Hymn**

**Spirit of the Living God**

*Daniel Iverson*

*Please stand as you are able to sing.*

The image shows the musical notation for the Gradual Hymn 'Spirit of the Living God'. It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.'

**Holy Gospel**

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*Please remain standing and face the Gospel.*

*Today’s Gospel lesson will be read in a variety of languages...all at the same time – just like on the first Pentecost after the Resurrection. Each reader will remain at their seat and read in the language they’ve chosen. It will be a little confusing, but that’s part of the experience!*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Greg Larkin

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## ***The Renewal of Baptismal Vows***

*Please stand as you are able.*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and promised to serve God faithfully in this holy catholic<sup>1</sup> Church.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*People* **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>1</sup> Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Hymn**

### **Come down, O love divine**

**Hymnal 516**

*Sprinkling with holy water. If you prefer not to get sprinkled with holy water, please move toward the outer aisle for a moment.*

### **Prayers of the People**

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

*Server*

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us raise our prayer to God for the Spirit sent to anoint us, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of joy in the church, that our Eastertide Alleluia resound throughout the year, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in conflict, may live in harmony, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the spirit of unity in our assembly, that our weakness make us strong and our differences make us rich, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, especially *(The people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, and those affected by the pandemic, by acts of violence or recovering from fires and floods, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died especially *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)* may drink of the fruit of the vine in glory, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Wipe away the fear between churches, nations, and families. Tear down the walls that divide us and make us one through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

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

**Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

**Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions**

***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**

Walking in the Spirit

*Mark Hayes*

**Presentation Hymn**

**Ev'ry time I feel the spirit**

*Traditional Spiritual*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Ev'-ry time I feel the spir-it, mov-ing in my heart, I will pray. Ev'-ry time I feel the spir-it, mov-ing in my heart, I will pray. Fine

1. Up on the moun-tain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke. All a-round me looked so bod-y but not the soul. Thereain't but one train runs this fine, track, asked my L0ord if all was mine. runs to heav-en and runs right back.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

*Remain standing as you 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*

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 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.*

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*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 Hymn

*Felix Eisenhauer*

Lord, Send Your Spirit

*Raymond Wise*

Lord, send Your Spirit. Lord, send Your Power. Lord, send Your Glory. So that we can be used by Thee.  
Lord, send Your Spirit. Lord, send Your Power, so You can use me, Lord. Use me, Lord. Use me, Lord, til my hands look new.  
Use me, Lord. Use me, Lord. Use me, Lord, til my feet do, too.  
Send Your Spirit. Send Your Power. Send Your Glory. Fall on us so we can be used by Thee.  
Lord, send Your Spirit.

## Post Communion Prayer:

*Please stand, sit 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

## Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

**Hymnal 512**

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

## Dismissal

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## Postlude

Toccata in G

*Dennis Eliot*

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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	<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Drew & Judy Gold
<b>Chalice:</b>	Roger Crow	<b>Ushers:</b>	Judy Gold & Eric Craven
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Pippa Darby & Cora Shanahan	<b>Cantor:</b>	Reid Edwards
<b>Announcements:</b>	Laura Andrews		
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Anna Darby, Grace Dunlevy & Kate Shanahan
<b>Video Production:</b>	John Loest	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Kay Armstrong
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Susan & Rob Talmadge	<b>Lock-up Team:</b>	Daniel Smithson

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



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

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 19, 2024***

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, Rev. Susan, Barb, Barbara, Alan, Michelle, August, 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, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Carol, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian, Ron and Pam.

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

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

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

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home
- + All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*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 19, 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.**

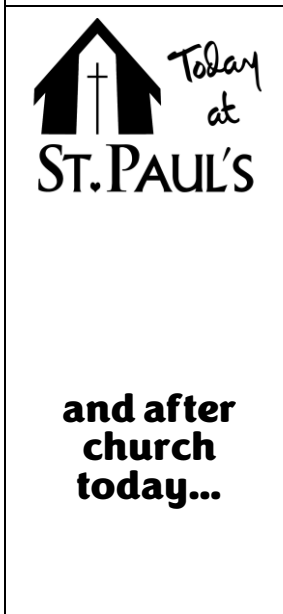


## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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. 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 Pentecost Sunday!

Today we'll celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Birthday of the Church and the 135 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Beautiful Festival Service 10:15am with inspiring scripture, beautiful prayers, wonderful music and an uplifting message. Join us this Sunday and get inspired! Bring your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome!

## Help us Celebrate the Birthday of the Church and 135 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura.

### 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.



Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

## A warm welcome to you!

We're so glad you joined us today. 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 again soon.










**Family to Family** – 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 [dan.wakelee@gmail.com](mailto:dan.wakelee@gmail.com).



## Fair Trade Sales – Next Sunday, May 26th

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

	<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><i>We're collecting new books for young children ages 0-3...</i>  <b>OUTREACH PROJECT – Reach for Early Childhood Literacy</b>  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.</p>
 <p><b>Book Club</b></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>Confirmation Classes Begin June 23<sup>rd</sup>!</b>  People who would like to learn more about the history, ministry and worship of the Episcopal Church are invited to join the Confirmation Class on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. We will gather in the library from Noon to 2:00 to learn about the church we love. Please speak to Fr. Greg for more information.</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><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><i>Interesting in checking out a ministry this summer?</i>  <b>Summer Ministry Experiences</b>  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!</p> <p>CHOOSE FROM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pick Up Choir</b> – Sing with our wonderful choir, beginning on July 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li><b>Altar Guild</b> - Learn about our sacred vessels and how to set the church for services.</li> <li><b>Usher</b> – Help greet worshipers and assist with the service.</li> <li><b>Flower Guild</b> - Learn how to make beautiful flower arrangements.</li> <li><b>Welcome Greeter</b> – Join one of our friendly teams that greet everyone on Sundays.</li> </ul> <p><b>SUMMER SERVICES</b> 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!</p> <p><b>FANS</b> 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.</p>



**Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature?**

Join us as we explore and appreciate God's creation. After a couple false starts due to rain and other circumstances, the next Spirituality in Nature Group activity is a hike and visit to the Satwiwa Native American Indian Cultural Center in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area on Saturday June 15. In addition to a short hike, we will explore the legacy of the indigenous people who originally inhabited our region. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Rancho Sierra Vista trailhead located off Potrero Road (follow the entrance road for Rancho Sierra Vista to the parking lot at the end of the road). Please RSVP to [dan.wakelee@att.net](mailto:dan.wakelee@att.net) or to our Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/7501267796631766>.



The Ventura County Chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists) is delighted to announce a fun afternoon of music at St. Andrew's Episcopal, Ojai, Saturday, May 25, with the combined talents and unique collaboration of Ojai Madrigali, featuring Renaissance song, and Dr. Adán Fernández, featuring Baroque and early music on the organ. The event starts at 12:30 with delicious refreshments and entertaining mingling with the artists. The concert will start at 1 p.m. For more information, please ask Sara Edwards.



**Wanted - Reward in May - Silver and Gold Roundup - Donate to St. Paul's!**

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.



This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page

*"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at [www.saintpaulsventura.org](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org) 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.

## 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!