



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Whether this is your first visit, or you've been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.

Nursery and Sunday School - We offer nursery care for children under five years from 10-noon. Sunday School begins at 10am. Youth Group, for grades 6-12, meets in Room 8. Children up to 5th grade begin in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day. Children move to their classrooms for creative programming and activities. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Young ones remain in the Nursery, children and youth return to the sanctuary in time for Eucharist.

Coffee Hour - You're invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service. Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve the world in the name of Christ.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable. We're glad you're here.

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

Prelude

God's Light Shineth Ever

Rex Koury

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

Processional

Lord of all being, throned afar

Hymnal 419

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

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

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



Glo-ria! Glo-ria! in ex - cel - sis - De - o!



Glo-ria! Glo-ria! peace to all peo - ple on the earth.



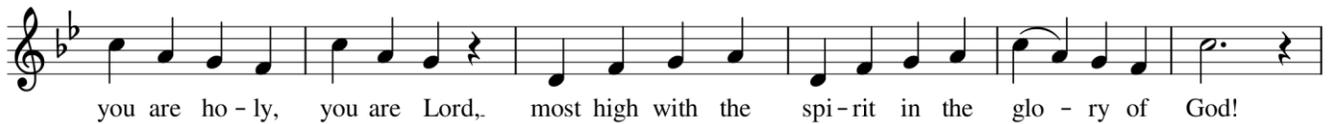
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God al-migh-ty, we wor-ship and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Je-sus! Son of God. Je-sus! Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



Je-sus! mer-cy on us, Je-sus! seat-ed at the right hand of God, re - ceive our prayer.



you are ho - ly, you are Lord, most high with the spi-rit in the glo - ry of God!



Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalm 112:1-9

- 1 Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in God.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

Gradual Hymn

God be in my head

Hymnal 694

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Liz Williams

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP 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 catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

Let us pray for all people, for all nations, and for the church, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

I ask your prayers for God’s church, for all who serve it, for this assembly, and for all God’s people everywhere. Pray for the church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the good earth, that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their seasons. Pray for the soil and the sea. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

¹ universal; all embracing

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, that they may act deliberately, and for the good of all. Pray for those who govern. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for peace, that the peoples of the world may live in safety and without fear. Pray for peace. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the wealthy, the free, and the healthy, that they may use these blessings to aid those in need. Pray for compassion among people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the sick, the sorrowing, and those who are alone; especially *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*. Pray for those in any need or trouble. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the faithful departed; especially *Eunice Koch, and (the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)* that God may give them eternal rest. Pray for those who have died. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

God of all the living, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant our requests. Strengthen us for the tasks you give us, and bring us at last to praise you forever with your saints, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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All are invited to 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.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

The Liturgy of the Table

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

Offertory Anthem *This Little Light of Mine* *Harry Dixon Loes, arr. Felix Eisenhauer*
Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

Presentation Hymn **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness** **Hymnal 381**
Please stand as you are able.

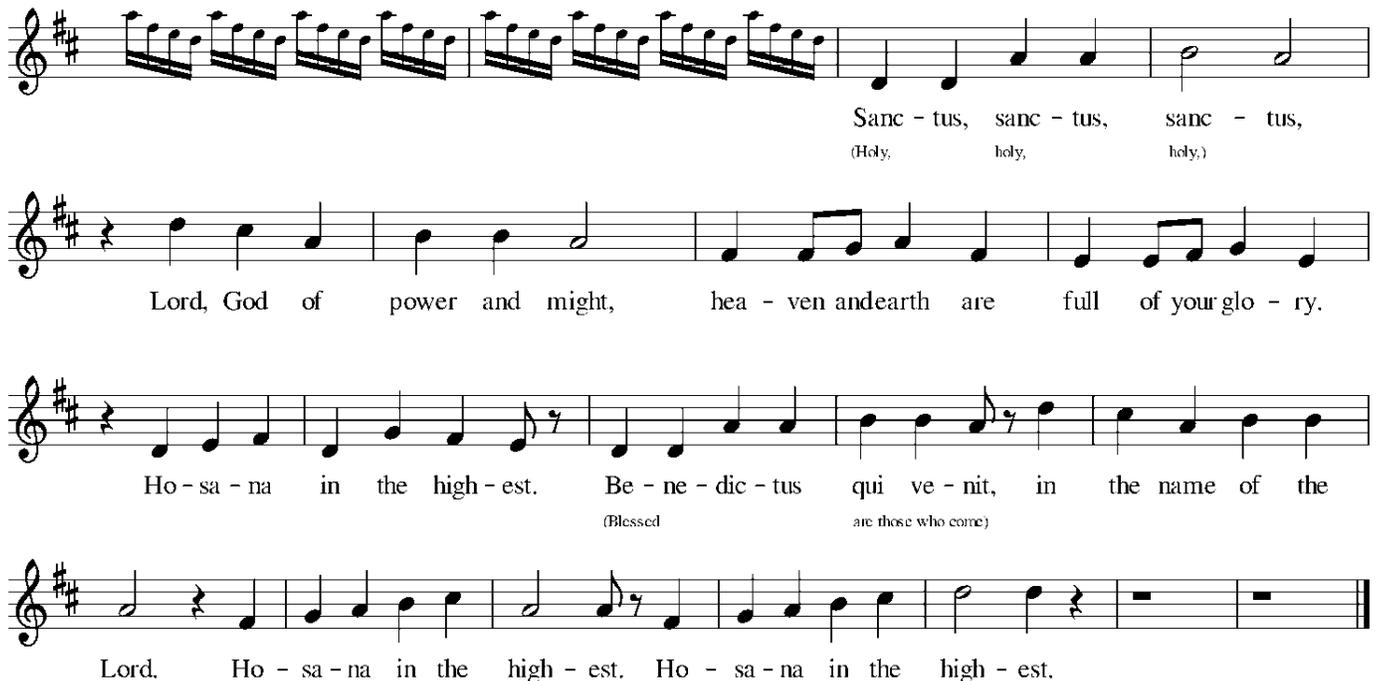
Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B
The people remain standing. *BCP p. 367*

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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



Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
(Holy, holy, holy,)

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
(Blessed are those who come)

Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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

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

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Invitation

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

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in our open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the postcommunion prayer.

Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

Piece from a Concerto "appropriato all' Organo"

Johann G. Walther

Communion: For God is Love

James Southbridge

Bringing in the Sheaves

Knowles Shaw

**Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

Refrain

***Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.***

**Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

Refrain

**Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit of ten grieves;
When our weeping's over He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

Refrain

Postcommunion Prayer

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Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord grant you his peace, now and forevermore. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

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

Dismissal

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

Postlude

With Pipes of Tin and Wood

Alfred Fedak

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Psalm: *The Saint Helena Breviary*, Church Publishing, 2006;

Prayers of the People: *Intercessions for the Christian People*, Pueblo Publishing Company, 1988



Serving This Week
For the 10:15am Service

Acolytes	Dean Nahabedian, Nairi Nahabedian
Chalice	Roger Crow (Server), Kay Armstrong (LEM)
Psalm	Roger Crow
Lay Readers	Ernie Fickerson, Janet Koehn
Prayers of the People	Drew Darby
Ushers	Jeff Brown, Tamara Nerdrum, Peter Anderson
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Kathleen Crookston
Pastoral Care Team	-
Counters	Louise Bretz
Welcome Ministers	Pat Malchak
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Hospitality	Virginia Hernandez, Valerie & Javier Ortiz, Renee Bower
Vestry Greeter	Rose Hayden-Smith
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews
Facility Lock Up	Miles Sexton

Thank you for all you do! We really appreciate it.

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's
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Today 2/9	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	11:45 am	Congregational Meeting regarding Our Aging Pipe Organ
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 2/10	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 2/11	10:00 am	Pastoral Care (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 2/12	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 2/13	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 2/14	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 2/15	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 2/16	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of February 9, 2020

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + All small group ministries and Bible Study groups at St. Paul's
- + For immigrants, refugees and, especially for everyone fleeing violence - may you guide them, Lord, to safety
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

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 By-the-Sea, Christ the King, and Trinity churches in Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara
- + Our World Mission Companions
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Association, remembering especially: Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ

IN MEMORIAM

Eunice Koch and those we love but see no longer.

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements February 9, 2020

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am- Kathy & Tim Helms

10:15 am- Virginia Hernandez, Valerie & Javier Ortiz, Renee Bower

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00- Wes Cullins

*10:15- Kay & Ralph Armstrong, RoseAnn & David Hill, Janalee Young
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

The Vestry Greeter today is Rose Hayden-Smith - come by and say hello.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ABOUT OUR AGING PIPE ORGAN

Sunday, 2/9 at 11:45am in Kahler This year we will look at the needs of our growing music ministry and evaluate what we should do about our aging pipe organ. Will we spend the considerable amount of money it will take to keep it working? Will we replace it with a new electronic organ? These are the big questions we'll discuss. Join us to learn about the choices, and give us your feedback.



Come check it out. We'll have lots of yummy treats for Valentine's Day!

FAIR TRADE SALES - Today after both services

Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate will be for sale after the services. Join us in doing all we can to help abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery. We are an Abolitionist Congregation, and we appreciate your support.



Would you like to help feed our hungry neighbors?

SOUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER – Final Week

It's not too late. Bring a donation or visit our website or make a donation by text. However you prefer to give, we appreciate it! And we promise to do great things with whatever you can give. Thank you!



We look forward to seeing you at church next Sunday

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Services at 8am and 10:15am

We continue to make our way through the season of Epiphany. This is a great time to learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God. Join us for Sunday services. Come get inspired. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.



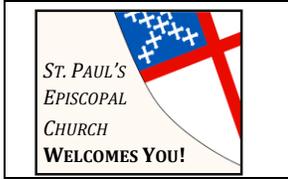
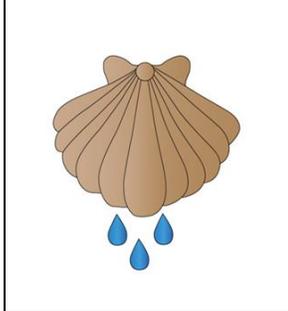
ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE: Why? Because all are welcome here. In each ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul's Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the "Learning Sign Language" playlist. If you like it, share it. Help spread the word that St. Paul's has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thanks!



The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...

FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, March 2, 5:30-7pm at Panera

This month's selection is *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Awarded Pulitzer Prize for fiction. A sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of and pawn to the natural world. *All are welcome. We'd love to see you there!*

	<p>INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH FLOWER GUILD AND FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP Saturday, 2/22 at 9am - Join us for this fun and interesting workshop. It's free and open to anyone. No prior experience, and no commitment necessary. Bring a pair of clippers if you have them. We'll teach you how to make beautiful flower arrangements for church and home. RSVP is requested. Please contact the church office: 805 643-5033 office@saintpaulsventura.org</p>
	<p>COLLECTING PALM CROSSES – Now through Tuesday, February 25 You are welcome to return your palm crosses from last year so they can be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please add them to the basket in the narthex (lobby). We'll burn them at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thank you!</p>
	<p>SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Tuesday, February 25, 5-7pm in Kahler Hall Join us for our traditional Pancake Supper prior to the beginning to Lent. Enjoy a delicious meal, learn about the tradition of burning palm crosses to make ashes, and have a great time. The Men's Group will be cooking, so you know it'll taste great! Suggested donations: adults \$8; Seniors and children under 12 \$5; Families \$20. <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
	<p><i>Start Lent in a holy way...</i> ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26th <i>Ashes to Go! – 7:30-9am</i> Walk up and receive a brief prayer and the imposition of ashes on your way to work or school. This is a very moving experience, both for those who stop by and those who help that morning. If you'd like to help, please let us know. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex (lobby) or email office@saintpaulsventura.org <i>Traditional Ash Wednesday Services at 9:30 a.m., Noon, and 7:00 p.m.</i></p>
	<p><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!</i> NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 2/23 at 11:45am Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: <i>Working Together to Make a Difference in the World</i>. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. <i>All are welcome!</i> Next month's meeting will be on Sunday, 3/22 at 9:30am. Join us for Coffee with our Clergy and you pick the topic. Bring your questions, let's talk. See you there!</p>
	<p>UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES 4/11 The Great Vigil; 5/31 Pentecost; 11/1 All Saints Day (other dates may 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. Susan or Rev. Liz to make arrangements. About Baptism: <i>Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Through Baptism and the Holy Spirit we are forgiven of our sins and raised to the new life of grace. We are also formally initiated into the fellowship of Christian community. This is a very important and moving occasion. The prayers and presence of the community are requested.</i></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> 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 or use this QR code. Members give of their time and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities and ministries. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share. Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.</p>
	<p>Tuesday, February 25 — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7pm Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday -- Ashes to Go 7 – 9am; Services 9:30am, Noon and 7pm Sunday, March 8 — Time Change and Complaine Service at 7pm Sunday, March 15 — Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Mondays, 3/16-4/27 Exploring Our Faith – Confirmation Class 6:30-8pm Saturday, April 4 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church at 9am Sunday, April 5 — Palm Sunday Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm Friday, April 10 Good Friday -- Labyrinth Walk at Dawn (6-8am); Good Friday Service at Noon Saturday, April 11 – The Great Vigil (First Service of Easter) at 8pm Sunday April 12— Easter Sunday Sunday, May 3 – Bishop Talton will Visit Us! 10:15am service</p>

