



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Teach Me How to Pray

James Southbridge

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

Entrance Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak

Hymnal 129

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-11

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Leader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Liz, and Dick;* that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor,* that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim** *and those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel* *and those others on our hearts* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by acts of violence or recovering from fires and floods.

(See page 8 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Lillian Alfriend, Alan Wirsig, Mike Williams, JoAnne Goodman* *and those whose names we bring before God,* beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 330

Peace

All stand as they are able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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.

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

Offertory

Toccata Breve

Edward Broughton

Presentation Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 7

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP p. 337

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. 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 the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. Our custom is to receive the bread in your 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 to receive a blessing.

Suggestion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music*O, Thou Who Camest from Above**Samuel Wesley/arr. Charles Callahan***Post Communion Prayer**

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*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.***Blessing**

May the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest on you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn**O wondrous type! O vision fair****Hymnal 137***Please stand as you are able.***Announcements***Please be seated.***Dismissal**

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Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**Postlude***Wareham**arr. Richard C. Baker***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**

¹ *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.

Serving This Week

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil
Psalm	Peter Bowers
Lay Readers	Jo Ellen Heil, Ellen Morgan
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Ushers	Jim & Dela Parker
Hospitality Sponsors	Vicki Paul
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow
Counters	Barbara Jakovich, Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Woody Bretz

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 8/4	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Courtyard/Room 12)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
Mon. 8/5	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
Tues. 8/6	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
Weds. 8/7	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Risk Management Safety & Security Meeting (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
Thurs. 8/8	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (Room 13)
	10:00 am	Risk Management Committee Meeting (Office)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
Fri. 8/9	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 8/10	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
Sun. 8/11	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Courtyard/Room 12)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)



ST. PAUL'S VENTURA
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Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 4, 2019

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:

Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

IN MEMORIUM

Lillian Alfriend
Alan Wirsig
Mike Williams
JoAnne Goodman

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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St. Paul's Announcements July 28, 2019

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am-Vicki Paul
10:15 am- Ralph & Kay Armstrong, David & RoseAnn Hill, Janalee Young
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00 Jo Ellen Heil 10:15 Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Ernie & Bert Fickerson)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.
The Vestry Greeter today is Kay Armstrong, come by and say hello!

Please join us again next Sunday!



The Spirit is moving and we're improving...

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AROUND KAHLER HALL We look forward to enjoying a beautiful new entrance from the parking lot down to and around Kahler Hall! While under construction, continue to use the parking lot, but instead of entering as usual through or around Kahler Hall, **follow the sidewalk along Loma Vista Road up to the Church Gate and enter there.**

Summer Sunday School is in Room 14, **Coffee Hour** will take place in our beautiful outdoor spaces and in Room 12. Nursery will continue as usual.

There will be no access to Kahler Hall for at least three weeks, so please excuse the inconvenience!



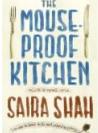
REACH! OUT TO OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS –In August we are stocking our food pantry and filling up our budget for **Family to Family**. We are asking for donations to support purchasing the food and paper goods for our monthly Family to Family lunch ministry for the rest of the year and into the beginning of next year. We serve 250 lunch plates for about \$2.50/plate and have used up our fund. Our goal is \$4,400 to carry us through until February. This ministry is entirely dependent on your generous donations and is not funded with pledges. *Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!*



REACH! for Food Pantry- Throughout the month of August, we will be collecting for St. Paul's Sack Lunch Program. The individual lunches consist of 2 sandwiches, a banana, and a hard-boiled egg as well as a canned item, a granola bar, crackers and a sweet. Let's stock the pantry shelves!

Suggested items are: Peanut Butter (small or single serving), Crackers (single serving), Tuna, Granola Bars, Cookies, Juice Boxes, Bottles of Water, Protein Drinks. Any single serve item not needing refrigeration is great! No glass please. Pop-top style cans are preferred. Remember, we are putting the items in individual sack lunches and our guests do not always have can openers.

Monetary donations for any of these items are gratefully accepted. Checks, Cash, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256.

	<p>REACH FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES – THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who brought school supplies for Project Understanding! We have piles of backpacks, pencils and all sorts of wonderful school supplies to pass on. Many children will be blessed by your generosity when it's time to go back to school!</p>
	<p>RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS – The next in a series of meetings on Safety and Security. Wednesday, August 7th, 6:30-8:00pm in the Library (right off the parking lot). All who are interested are welcome to attend. This training will be led by retired sheriff and member of our congregation, Dan Campbell. He will teach us how to evaluate potential levels of risk that individuals may display. We will work through various scenarios to practice the skills and focus on giving everyone the respect, dignity and love they deserve while keeping ourselves and those around us safe.</p>
	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – TOMORROW, MONDAY, AUGUST 5: The Mouse Proof Kitchen, by Saira Shah is our current selection. Join us at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome. <i>Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.</i></p>
	<p>FANS have been installed along the outer aisle for your comfort. As things heat up in our warmer months, please feel free to turn them on. Check with those around you, perhaps the oscillating feature would be helpful. Be mindful of the needs of others. We encourage those who prefer to be away from the fans to sit toward the center of the church.</p>
	<p>SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – BEGINS AT 10:00: This year's theme is <i>A Family Celebration</i>. We will begin in the sanctuary with a Bible story and learn a song in ASL. Families and members of the congregation are encouraged to come at 10:00 and join in this part of the Celebration. At 10:10, the children will move into Kahler Hall to continue our lesson and make fun scrapbook pages. If you would like to volunteer, or have questions, please talk to Rev. Liz.</p>
	<p>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE: Why? Because all are welcome here. In each week's 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 enjoy it, share it. Help us spread the word that St. Paul's has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thank you!</p>
	<p>FIND US ON YOU TUBE St. Paul's is also on YouTube. Our YouTube page is a great way to brush up on what you've learned in the ASL minute. Find and subscribe to our account here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUxBGEfq4JhEPqjz07hbpVg</p> <p>Love social media? Join our Digital Disciple team! See Drew or Rose after church, or contact the Church Office to be put in touch with a team member.</p>
	<p>SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, August 25 – Blessing of the Backpacks Friday, September 6 – Episcopal Dodger Night Sunday, September 8 – Homecoming Sunday</p>