



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

**Proper 17 Year C**

**September 1, 2019 8 a.m.**

*Today's flowers are given by Connie Baer in memory of her wife, Rita Marsh, on her birthday.*

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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.*

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

### **Prelude**

*Echo Alleluia*

*Henry Purcell*

*Festive Scherzo*

*Malcom Archer*

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

### **Entrance Hymn**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord**

**Hymnal 437**

### **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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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**

Proverbs 25:6-7

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 112**

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

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 the Lord.

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.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*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.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Reverend Liz Williams

*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.<sup>1</sup>

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, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, John, 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 JoAnne Goodman, Dick Holt 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.**

**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**

**Prayer for Labor Day**

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: so guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***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**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

*Edward Broughton*

**Presentation Hymn**

**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine**

**Hymnal 477**

*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**

BCP p. 337

*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.



## Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today</b> <b>9/1</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Special Sunday School Activity
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>9/2</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>9/3</b>	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	12:00 pm	Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13)
<b>Weds.</b> <b>9/4</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>9/5</b>	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri.</b> <b>9/6</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	7:00 pm	Episcopal Dodger Night
<b>Sat.</b> <b>9/7</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>9/8</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Homecoming Presentation (Labyrinth)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	All Star Hot Dog & Chili Bar, Line Dancing, Silent Auction
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)



## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 1, 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, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, John, 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 MEMORIAM***

JoAnne Goodman  
Dick Holt

*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.*



## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector  
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The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting  
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## Announcements September 1, 2019

Thank you for joining us today! We're praying for you.

Please contact the church office for more information or if you need us. 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-Carl Helms**

**10:15 am- Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Woody & Louise Bretz, Paul & Marilyn Angelo**

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00- Ellen Morgan*

*10:15-Bridget Wareham Bill & Kathleen Crookston Lori Redding,)*

*If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

**The Vestry Greeter today is Grace Dunlevy, come by and say hello!**



**MANY THANKS TO GUEST MUSICIAN** – Paul Stouthamer on cello!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN AND GAMES** – Next Sunday, 9/2

Join us next Sunday for a Sunday School Fun Day. Bring your friends, all are welcome!



**WILLING HANDS ARE NEEDED - Can You help?**

HOMEcoming Celebration & Fundraiser on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Can you donate a basket or gift card? Want to help with set up and decorating or clean up and take down? We've broken down the jobs into reasonable-size tasks, so let us know that you're available and we'll put you to work. Sign up today!



**HOMEcoming – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Services at 8am & 10:15am

10am Special Presentation Honoring our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30am All Star Hot Dog and Chili Bar

Line Dancing and Silent Auction



**FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP – Sunday, 9/8**

It's been a wonderfully fun Summer, now it's time to start our new Sunday School year. Join us on Homecoming Sunday as we introduce our new teachers and share with you the exciting new programs we'll be presenting this year. All ages will start in the Sanctuary at 10am for a Children's Sermon and music. At 10:10, we'll move to our classrooms for age-appropriate activities. Come, bring your friends and join us as we learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God. All are welcome!



**FALL TRAINING & REVIEW SESSIONS – Please join us!**

If you serve in any of these ministries, or would like to learn more, join us in the Sanctuary on the following Sundays:

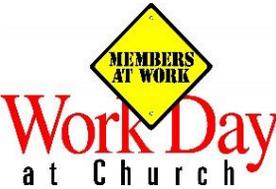
**Acolytes – 9/15 at 11:30am (following the service)**

**Readers – 9/22 at 9:30am**

**Ushers – 9/29 at 9:30am**

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice) - 10/13 at 9:30**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

	<p><b>FIRST MONDAY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – Monday, September 9</b> We have two selections this month! <i>The Woman Who Smashed Codes</i> by Jason Fagone and <i>When a Toy Dog Became a Wolf and the Moon Broke Curfew</i> by Hendrika de Vries. Please <b>RSVP</b> to Paula or the church office so we know how many to expect. The second book is not available until August 27. You can pre-order on Amazon. The location of the meeting will depend upon the number attending, so watch for an update. Sponsored by the Daughters of the King and open to all women of the parish.</p>
	<p><i>Come Help Us Take Care of the Church - 2 Work Parties Scheduled</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAINT BENCHES - Saturday, September 14 at 10am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&amp; PLANT AND GARDEN AROUND THE SANCTUARY Saturday, September 21 at 8:30am</b></p> <p>Join in on either workday. Our benches and our landscaping are in desperate need of some TLC. <i>No experience necessary. All willing hands are welcome! We'll have all the supplies and teach you what to do.</i> What we need are volunteers who can help. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan so we'll know to expect you. <a href="mailto:revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org">revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org</a> <b>Thanks!</b></p>
	<p><i>Come hear how your support helped make a difference</i></p> <p><b>FOLLOW UP PRESENTATION FROM NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP – Sunday 9/15:</b> Dr. Steve Jones will give a presentation on the recent Medical Mission trip to Nigeria. Join us in Kahler Hall after each service.</p>
	<p><i>Come learn ASL with us!</i></p> <p><b>FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/13, 10/20, 10/27</b></p> <p>Join us for this wonderful three-week series 11:45am – 12:45pm in the Community Room at St. Paul's. This is a great class for first-time learners and if you already know some signs, we'll teach you more. In our October series, we'll focus on: Manual Alphabet (fingerspelling), Introductions, Family Signs, and Colors. Invite your friends, all are welcome and the classes are free.</p>



**Newcomer Coffee**  
**with our Clergy**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**  
(meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45am**  
*Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church*

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*Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!*  
Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions,  
Explore THE Faith  
*All are welcome!*



*Invite your friends, and come refresh your soul*

**Compline:**  
**An Amazingly Beautiful Service  
of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day  
September 29th at 7pm**

St. Paul's Choir invites you to join us for our first contemplative Compline service of the season. Come calm your soul at the end of the day during our brief, candle-lit, choral prayer service. The church will remain open after the service for those who wish to continue their prayers, light a votive candle, or walk the labyrinth by candlelight. Donations will support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Please help us spread the word, all are welcome!