



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

**Proper 18, Year C**

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

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

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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**

*Prelude on a Folktune*

*Gilbert Martin*

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

### **Entrance Hymn**

**Praise to the living God**

**Hymnal 372**

### **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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 1**

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## **Second Reading**

Philemon 1-21

A Reading from the Letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy

and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 14:25-33

*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.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

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

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*Server*

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

*Leader*

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 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.**

## Confession and Absolution

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## Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## Announcements

*Please be seated.*

## 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.*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

#### Offertory

*Pavenne*

*Brian Glyncannon*

#### Presentation Hymn

**When Christ was lifted from the earth**

**Hymnal 603**

*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

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#### 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. 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 for before or after Communion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.*

**Communion Music***Sabbath Song**Denis Eliot***Post Communion Prayer***Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

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**Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Recessional****Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove****Hymnal 512***Please stand as you are able and face the processional cross.***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***Joyful Recessional**Janis Dunson Wilson***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**<sup>1</sup> *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.***Serving This Week****Team 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month***Acolytes**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Chalice**

Jo Ellen, Lori Burke

**Psalm**

Jo Ellen

**Lay Readers**

Tom &amp; Judy Drew

**Prayers of the People**

Lori Burke

**Ushers**

Peter Bowers, Ian McEwan

**Altar Guild**

Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge

**Flower Guild**

Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews

**Facility Lock Up**

Nate Alday

**Cantor**

Natalie Epelone

**Hospitality Sponsors**

Ellen Morgan



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

<b>Today</b> <b>9/8</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:15	Coffee Hour (Room 12)
	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 Hog & Chili Bar, Line Dancing and Silent Auction
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Courtyard)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>9/9</b>	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>9/10</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Community Room)
<b>Weds.</b> <b>9/11</b>	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>9/12</b>	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>9/13</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>9/14</b>	10:00am	Work Party – painting benches around campus
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Sun.</b> <b>9/15</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation – Presentation Mission Trip to Nigeria
	11:30 am	Acolyte Training & Review
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting



ST. PAUL'S VENTURA  
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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 8, 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, 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:***

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

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

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

### ***IN MEMORIUM***

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  
The Rev. Liz Williams, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting  
Dr. Felix Eisenhauer, Music Minister  
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## Announcements September 8, 2019

*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- Ellen Morgan**

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

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00- Eunice Koch*

*10:15- Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham)*

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

**The Vestry Greeter today is Cheri Gonzales, come by and say hello!**



**HOMECOMING SUNDAY – Services at 8am & 10:15am**

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

11:30am All Star Hot Dog and Chili Bar

Silent Auction and Line Dancing

*Please join us!*



**WELCOME BACK CHOIR!** – Join us for amazing, uplifting music all season long!



**FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP**

Today we introduce our exciting new programs! Come, bring your friends and join us as we learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God. All are welcome!



*Come hear how your support helped make a difference*

**FOLLOW UP PRESENTATION FROM NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP**

Dr. Steve Jones will give a presentation on the recent Medical Mission trip to Nigeria. Join us in Kahler Hall after each service.



**CALLING ALL ACOLYTES**

**AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN ABOUT BECOMING AN ACOLYTE**

Meet in the sanctuary after the 10:15am service for today's Training & Review.

We'll talk about recent changes, review the important role you play as an acolyte, answer your questions, and prepare for a great year. Please join us!



**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:

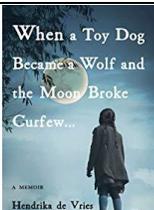
**Acolytes – 9/15 at 11:30am** (following the service)

**Readers – 9/22 at 9:30am**

**Ushers – 9/29 at 9:30am**

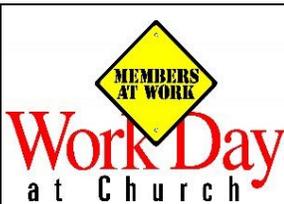
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice) - 10/13 at 9:30**

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



**Special Guest Speaker! Come hear her amazing story.**

**FIRST MONDAY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – Monday, September 9, 5:30pm Panera Bread** Our selection this month is *When a Toy Dog Became a Wolf and the Moon Broke Curfew* by Hendrika de Vries. This compelling book details how Hendrika survives harrowing experiences in Nazi occupied Amsterdam and discovers the woman she wants to become. Hendrika will be our guest at this meeting, so please RSVP to Paula or the church office so we know how many to expect.



*Come Help Us Take Care of the Church - 2 Work Parties Scheduled*

**PAINT BENCHES - Saturday, September 14 at 10am**

**& PLANT AND GARDEN AROUND THE SANCTUARY Saturday, September 21 at 8:30am**

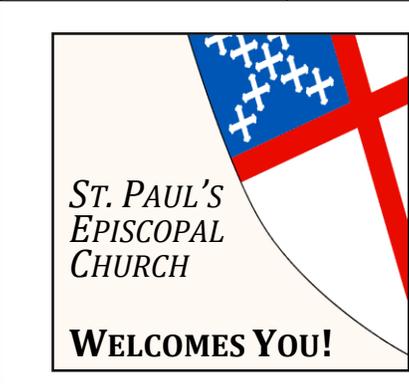
Join in on either workday. Our benches and our landscaping are in desperate need of some TLC. *No experience necessary. All willing hands are welcome! We'll have all the supplies and teach you what to do.* What we need are volunteers who can help. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan so we'll know to expect you. [revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org) **Thanks!**



*Come learn ASL with us!*

**FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/13, 10/20, 10/27**

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.



**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**WELCOMES YOU!**

**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!



**Saturday, September 14**

Work Party at Church – Bench Painting 10am

**Sunday, September 15**

Acolyte Training & Review – 11:45am in Sanctuary  
Presentation on Mission Trip to Nigeria – after svcs

**Monday, September 16**

Feeding the Hungry at Family to Family

**Saturday, September 21**

Work Party at Church – Planting & Gardening - 8:30pm  
around the sanctuary

**Sunday, September 22**

Readers Training & Review – 9:30am in Sanctuary  
Newcomer Coffee with Our Clergy – 11:45am

**Sunday, September 29**

Compline Service - 7pm in Sanctuary