



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

**Proper 19 Year C**

**September 15, 2019 8 a.m.**

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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**

*Trumpet Tune*

*Martha Sobaje*

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

**Entrance Hymn**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

**Hymnal 410**

**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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

Exodus 32:7-14

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, `These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, `It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, `I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 51:1-11**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

*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.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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.*

BCP p. 328

*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, Diane, 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

BCP p. 330

## Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

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

## Announcements

### 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

*Higher Ground*

*Brian Glyncannon*

### Presentation Hymn

**There's a wideness in God's Mercy**

**Hymnal 470**

*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.

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



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

<b>Today</b> <b>9/15</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:15 am	Nigeria Mission Trip Presentation
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Nigeria Mission Trip Presentation
	11:30 am	Acolyte Training and Review
<b>Mon.</b> <b>9/16</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Avenue)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>9/17</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Kahler Hall & Community Room)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
<b>Weds.</b> <b>9/18</b>	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>9/19</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Café)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>9/20</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>9/21</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>9/22</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	11:45 am	Newcomer Coffee with Our Clergy (Community Room)
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	9:30 am	Readers Training and Review
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service



## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 15, 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, Diane, 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 Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

### ***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 Wiauso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

### ***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**

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## Announcements September 15, 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-Eunice Koch**

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

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Jo Ellen Heil*

*10:15-Larry & Shirley Myers, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower)*

*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**



*Come hear how your support helped make a difference*

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

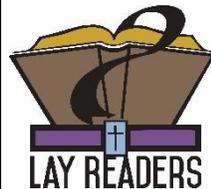
Dr. Steve Jones will give a presentation on the recent Medical Mission trip to Nigeria. Join us in Kahler Hall after each service.



### **CALLING ALL ACOLYTES TO MEET TODAY**

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

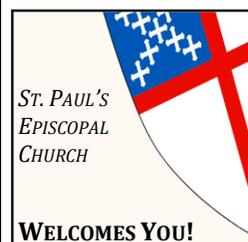
Meet in the sanctuary after the 10:15am service for today's Training & Review. We'll talk about recent changes, review the important role you play as an acolyte, answer your questions, and prepare for a great year. Please join us!



*Are you a Lay Reader OR do you want to learn about becoming a Lay Reader?*

### **LAY READER TRAINING & REVIEW**

Lay Readers (or Lectors) are trained in reading Scripture during public services of worship. They may also read the Prayers of the People as Intercessors for the community gathered. Whether you are experienced in this ministry, or would like to be trained to join our team, you're invited to meet us in the Sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, 9/22. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

**4TH 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*

*Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!*

**MEET PEOPLE, ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, EXPLORE THE FAITH**

*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:

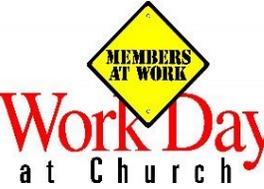
**Acolytes – 9/15 at 11:30am** (following the service today)

**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><i>Want to help feed the hungry?</i>  <b>IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Come help us serve lunch tomorrow</b> at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p>
	<p><i>Want to meet people and enjoy some great fellowship?</i>  <b>LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 11am at Mimi's Cafe</b>  All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Mimi's. We gather at 11am and order by 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Ruth, Pam or the Office so we'll know to expect you. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>Come Help Us Take Care of the Church – Second of 2 Work Parties</i>  <b>PLANT AND GARDEN AROUND THE SANCTUARY Saturday, September 21 at 8:30am</b>  It's time to dig and trim, plant and tend in the garden spaces around the labyrinth and in the courtyard. Meet us in front of the Sanctuary for a morning of gardening and sprucing up the campus. Please bring your own gloves. Thank you so much for your help!</p>
	<p><b>COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, September 29 at 7 pm</b>  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!</p>
	<p><i>Come learn ASL with us!</i>  <b>FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/13, 10/20, 10/27</b>  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>

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Sunday, October 6**

Services will be in Kahler Hall at 8am & 10:15am



Bring your furry, feathered and scaly friends  
(or a picture of them)

and join us for wonderful services with the  
Blessing of the Animals Service on Oct. 7th.

We bless stuffed animals, too!

**Join us  
as we celebrate  
the life of St. Francis.**